THE WEATHER
MONROE: Fair to partly cloudy, lowest temperature near 32 tonight; Wednesday increasing cloudiness.
ARKANSAS: Partly cloudy, slightly warmer in northwest portion tonight; Wednesday increasing cloudiness, warmer.

The Monroe News-Star

WE FAVOR THESE PROJECTS FOR MONROE: Accepted Sanitary Sewerage Restocking Fishing Streams Municipal Civic Center City Beautification Program

VOL. 49.—No. 11 | MONROE, LOUISIANA, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1940 | 12 PAGES | PRICE FIVE CENTS

CINCINNATI BLAST KILLS 11

ITALIANS TAKE POUNDING

By Milo Thompson

Reign Without Terror

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The News-Star-World presents the second installment of Milo M. Thompson's story of life in England as the war is being fought. Tomorrow's chapter relates miraculous escapes from death. Mr. Thompson is chief of The Associated Press' London bureau and returned to this country recently for his first visit since 1934.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The successful business manager in blitzkrieg London has to have the qualifications of a hotel proprietor, a building contractor, a referee, a father confessor, a transportation wizard, an advocate, a politician and an army captain.

All this in addition to the qualifications of his own special business, whether he manufactures tin cans, operates a department store or runs a Press Association office.

He has to operate a shelter in which many employes, caught by the raids, must sleep at night. That brings up problems of heating, lighting, ventilation, cot arrangements, laundry and sanitary conveniences.

Also involved is the supply of electric cooking arrangements, parcels for making tea. An army marches on its stomach, but England's home defenders are fueled by tea and require much tea.

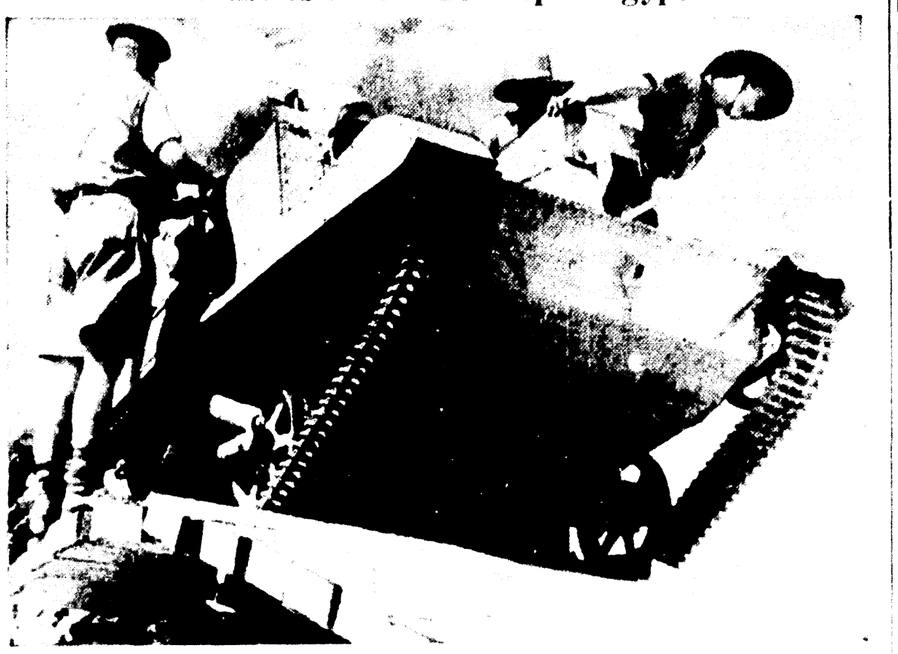
These would not be difficult problems under normal circumstances, but uncertain water supplies for boilers and a reserve heating system essential.

Frequent loss of electric power means an alternate lighting system must be provided.

Underground shelters are placed in service for their purpose.

Continued on Sixth Page

Aussies Arrive To Help In Egypt



Australian soldiers unload a Bren gun carrier in an Egyptian port, preparatory to the British offensive that blasted Italians out of Sidi Barrani and sent them fleeing in disorder deep in Italian Libya.

ARMOUR LOOMS AS NEW ENVOY

Ace Career Diplomat May Fill Post Vacated By Joseph Kennedy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Norman Armour, ace career diplomat and ex-United States ambassador to Argentina, was mentioned in informed circles today for the vacant post of ambassador to Great Britain.

With no British ambassador in this country following the death of the Marquess of Lothian, President Roosevelt was expected to name a successor to Joseph P. Kennedy, who resigned the London post on November 1.

Some sources hinted that the president already had decided on Armour for the key assignment in the British capital.

Armour, who was born in England of American parents, has held diplomatic posts in nearly every part of the world, including Japan, Russia and various European countries.

He was in the United States recently, but has returned to Buenos Aires. His service in Argentina which has important economic ties with Great Britain, was rated as a factor in his favor for the London appointment.

Kennedy, who returned to the United States six weeks ago and has been resting in Florida, came to Washington Sunday to attend the funeral for Lord Lothian. He called at the state department on routine business Monday but declined to discuss his future plans.

He has been mentioned for the chairmanship of the national defense commission and other government posts, but he returned to Florida Monday night without seeing the president and there were indications that he was severing official connection with the administration.

When he announced his resignation, Kennedy said he planned to devote his efforts to the greatest cause in the world today, "* * * to help the president keep the United States out of war." He has not explained whether he would do this in an official or unofficial capacity.

Armour was described by persons familiar with his record as one of the best qualified diplomats now in the service for the difficult London post.

Heavily-Armored Army Division Will Be Based Near Leesville

BRITISH AIMING AT LIBYA BASE

Armored Units Of English Sweep Over Desert To Encircle Post

By Edward Kennedy

WITH THE BRITISH FORCES AT SALUM, Egypt, Dec. 16 (Delayed)—(AP) British armored units were sweeping over the desert west of Bardia today in an attempt to encircle that important Italian base in Libya following the capture of Salum and Fort Capuzzo.

The last remnants of the Italian army have been driven from Egyptian soil. Under heavy British fire the Italians abandoned Salum, scored early in their drive into Egypt, and retired across the frontier into Libya, five miles to the west.

British troops promptly occupied this westernmost Egyptian post, then they continued to carry the fight to the Italians, moving across the border to seize Fort Capuzzo, south of Bardia.

The Italians are reported to have large forces at Bardia, on the coast 15 miles from the border, including troops which have retreated from Egypt, and apparently are striving to make a determined stand there.

In the opinion of British officers how long they can hold out will depend largely on whether Italian troops could be rallied after the Egyptian rout.

Bardia already has been bombed heavily from the sea and air British armored units west of the town reported that they had destroyed Italian trucks, tractors and tanks, but that it was uncertain yet whether they had wholly cut off communications be-

(Continued on Sixth Page)

Post Construction Will Cost Approximately $25,000,000 In State

DERIDDER, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Location of a heavily-armored "panzer" division of the United States army at a new post to be established seven miles southeast of Leesville was announced today by Major C. E. Morrison after a conference of Leesville and DeRidder business men with army men.

Major Morrison said no immediate estimate could be given on the cost of the project but unofficial reports placed the cost at about $25,000,000.

Major Morrison, one of a board of three officers appointed by the war department to inspect prospective training sites, said he had received notice of approval of the Louisiana location from Major C. F. Harrold, another member of the board, in Washington.

Plans for the new army post calls for the stationing of 1,000 officers and 11,500 enlisted men to be stationed on a 2,700-acre camp site and purchase of a 50,000-acre artillery range adjoining the camp between the towns of Hicks, Leander and Fullerton.

Arrangements already have been made for training a maximum of at least 64,000 men at Camp Beauregard and adjacent camps in the Alexandria area.

A road to the site already has been surveyed and work will begin on it within the next few days, Major Morrison said. Clearing and construction work on the camp will start as soon as contracts can be awarded.

The camp road will join highway 171 south of Pickering between Leesville and DeRidder.

The meeting was called by Mayor Cecil R. Mubleton of DeRidder and Mayor Jean King of Leesville to inaugurate a cooperative effort on the part of the towns to arrange for housing and caring for thousands of workmen who will be employed on the projects in the near future.

Major Morrison urged citizens to produce adequate living quarters, recreation facilities and bus and taxicab service for the anticipated newcomers.

"I can easily predict," Major Morrison told DeRidder citizens, "that your city limits will be extended three or four miles within a very short time."

GUARDS WILL HOLD REVIEW ON FRIDAY

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 17.—(AP) The entire 32nd division of the Michigan and Wisconsin national guardsmen will go on review at Camp Beauregard here at 9:30 a. m. Friday.

It will be the second time this year and the second time since 1919 that the division has assembled as a whole and marched past a general. In 1919 in Dierdorf, Germany, it was General John J. Pershing, commander of the A. E. F., who watched the boys go by. This time it will be Major General Irving A. Fish of Milwaukee commanding general, in the reviewing stand. A number of "distinguished guests" are expected to come here for the show.

The review will be held across U. S. Highway 165 from Camp Beauregard in the training area of the 127th infantry.

CONTINUED COLD FORECAST HERE

Low Temperature Near 32 Tonight; Mercury Fails To Hit 20s

A temperature near 32 tonight and fair to partly cloudy skies was the forecast issued for the Twin Cities today by the United States Weather Bureau at New Orleans. Increasing cloudiness was seen Wednesday.

COLD

The mercury failed to get into the 20s this morning, the lowest being 32.9 degrees at 7:35 a.m., civil aeronautics observers at Selman Field reported. The highest yesterday was 52.5.

Slightly warmer weather was predicted for Arkansas, with partly cloudy skies tonight and increasing cloudiness Wednesday.

The Louisiana forecast:

"Fair to partly cloudy, continued cold, frost in south portion, lowest temperature 34 to 36 in sugar and trucking region tonight, Wednesday increasing cloudiness, warmer in west portion. Gentle to moderate northeast winds on the coast."

The local temperatures:

7:35 a.m.	32.9
8:35 a.m.	36.6
9:35 a.m.	40.1
10:35 a.m.	43.3
11:35 a.m.	47.0
12:35 p.m.	50.4

(By Associated Press)

Snow and sleet storms, which yesterday whipped the East and Great Lakes region, abated today as the storm belt moved rapidly eastward over the Atlantic ocean.

Rain continued to fall along the sea-

(Continued on Sixth Page)

BRITISH, GREEKS DRIVE FURIOUSLY AGAINST ENEMY

English Counter-Invasion Troops Dig Deeper Into Libyan Area

R.A.F. HITS MANNHEIM

German Chemical Manufacturing City Attacked For Seven Hours

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Lord Beaverbrook, minister of aircraft production, declared over the radio tonight that Germany "is making preparations for invasion of England before springtime—by land and sea, but principally by air."

Hitler is making an "immense attempt" to bring out a huge air force in the early months of next year, Lord Beaverbrook said, and that there are "sure and certain signs" of a feverish development of production.

"These vast preparations," he added, "are directed at one objective—the invasion of Britain.

"So we are warned. We know that same measure of preparation was carried out in Germany last winter. Tanks and dive-bombers to destroy the French, the same thoroughness will be employed against us when the time comes."

(By Associated Press)

Britain's counter-invasion troops pushed deeper into Italian Libya in the nine-day-old battle of North Africa today, R. A. F. warplanes pounded the German chemical manufacturing city of Mannheim in a seven-hour assault, and the Greeks reported smashing seven violent counter-attacks by Fascist legions in Albania.

London military quarters said General Sir Archibald P. Wavell's desert forces, drawn from far corners of the British empire, had thrust a salient to the vicinity of Bardia, key Italian stronghold 15 miles inside Libya on the Mediterranean sea coast.

British armored units were reported sweeping over the desert beyond Bardia in an attempt to encircle the town—which would provide an important base for the British offensive aimed at knocking Italy out of the war.

Cairo dispatches said pressure on Bardia was "steadily increasing," with new British forces arriving to support the vanguard.

A British general headquarters communique said two more forts had been seized in Libya—Musaid, Sidi Omar and Shefferzan—both on the frontier south of Bardia.

The drive gained momentum from the capture of Salum, last Italian

(Continued on Sixth Page)

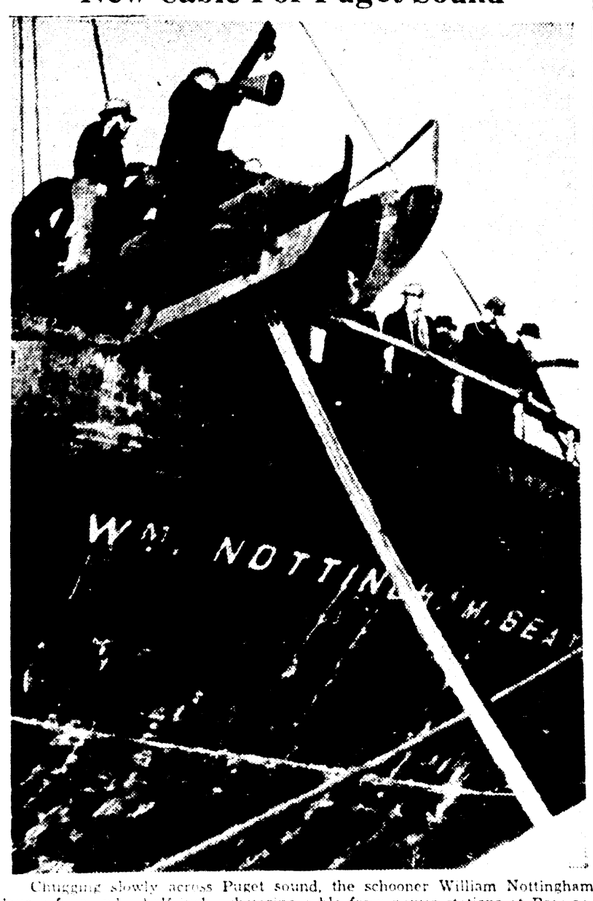
MORGENTHAU TELLS OF BRITISH PLANS ON BUYING IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau was reported to have told a house appropriations committee today Sir Frederick Phillips, undersecretary of the British treasury, had informed him that England could make no more commitments for purchase of war materials in the United States unless financial aid was extended.

Committee members who disclosed to newsmen this testimony given behind closed doors added that the treasury secretary had repeated his statement that the United States could not extend loans or credits unless congress modified or repealed the Johnson Act forbidding loans to debtor nations.

He left his hearers with the impression that whether to make such revision was entirely up to congress.

New Cable For Puget Sound



Chugging slowly across Puget sound, the schooner William Nottingham lays a four-and-a-half-inch submarine cable from power stations at Bremerton, Washington, to the mainland. The four-mile cable, the longest multiple strand of unbroken cable in the world, is expected to contribute to Pacific Northwest defense work.

BODY ORGANIZED TO BATTLE WAR

American Group Will Fight Entanglement Of U. S. In Conflicts

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Formation of the No Foreign War Committee was announced today by Verne Marshall, editor of the Cedar Rapids, Ia., Gazette, who is chairman of the new organization.

The purpose of the committee, a statement said, is "to give articulation to that overwhelming majority of American citizens which is definitely on record as opposed to our direct physical involvement in the present war. . . ."

At its helm, besides Marshall, are O. K. Armstrong, Springfield, Mo., as director of the organization, and Robert A. Lancaster, New York investment bank associate, as treasurer.

In a statement issued after a two-day organization meeting here, Marshall said:

"For months, out in Iowa, I have watched the development of a psychological trend toward actual and physical American participation in this war.

"The William Allen White Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies has done an effective job of organizing and developing exactly the same public psychology as that which

(Continued on Sixth Page)

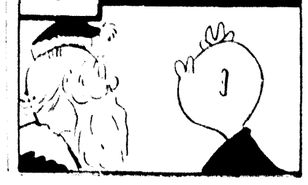
TAKE PIERRE LAVAL TO VICHY AFTER HE DINES WITH ABETZ

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Laval, a virtual prisoner of the French government since his expulsion from Chief of State Marshal Petain's cabinet, was taken to Vichy today at the personal request of German Ambassador Otto Abetz.

Laval, ousted vice-premier and foreign minister of the Vichy government, lunched with Abetz and Petain.

It was the first time he had been seen in Vichy since he was taken away under heavy guard last Friday night.

Rumors immediately spread there that the Germans want Laval back in his job, but reports reaching diplomatic quarters here said it was more likely that Abetz merely wanted to hear Laval's side of the story before making any report to Hitler.



War Bulletins

PROPOSES INSURANCE

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Sir Kingsley Wood, chancellor of the exchequer, moving second reading of a bill to insure British property worth between £6,000,000,000 and £8,000,000,000 ($24,000,000 and $32,000,000,000) against air raid damage, told the house of commons today:

"No country, unless it were confident of victory and particularly of defeat of the enemy in the air, would proceed with these proposals."

PUNISH FOOD HOARDERS

ROME, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Food hoarders will be punished by death in "more serious cases," the government announced today as Fascist party leaders undertook to keep a strict watch over supplies, rationing and prices.

COMMUNISTS EDGE IN

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A Scotland Yard report to the home office said today alleged Communists had posted agents in underground shelters in attempts to undermine British morale.

The report asserted several Communists had obtained appointments as shelter marshals.

It added that several hundred leaflets attacking the government had been distributed.

EXECUTED AS SPY

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A citizen of the Netherlands was executed at Pentonville prison as a

(Continued on Sixth Page)

OTHERS FEARED LOST IN WRECK OF APARTMENTS

Twelve Persons Injured In Explosion At Business Section Building

WHOLE AREA ROCKED

Some Bodies So Badly Torn They Cannot Be Identified At Once

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Members of four families were blasted out of their beds by a pre-dawn explosion that wrecked a three-story downtown building and killed 11 persons today.

Twelve persons were injured and two were missing in the pile of brick, kindling and dust that until 3:30 a. m. had been a structure housing business establishments on the first floor and apartments on the upper floors at the northern edge of the market district. Twelve children were among the victims, including a baby which Coroner Frank Coppock said was born to Mrs. Lillian Schnetzer, 42, before she, too, was taken lifeless from the wreckage.

While the cause was not determined immediately, Joe Hughes, 57, who lived across the street said the explosion "was like a puff from igniting gas." Windows were blown out for blocks by the repercussion which shook nearby buildings, according to Hughes, "like a ship on high seas."

Some of the bodies were so badly

(Continued on Sixth Page)

MINE EXPLOSION TRAPS WORKERS

Undetermined Number Of Men Affected; Five Injured Are Removed

BECKLEY, W. Va., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Five injured men were brought out of the No. 4 mine of the Raleigh Coal and Coke Corporation today less than an hour after an explosion which trapped an undetermined number of miners.

The extent of the injuries suffered by the miners, who were rushed by ambulance to the Beckley hospital, was not learned immediately.

Persons around the mine said they believed that "five or six more" still were inside.

Mrs. C. M. Meadows, wife of a district mine inspector, said she understood there had been at least one fatality.

The mine, a "slope" operation extending many miles back into a hillside on the outskirts of Beckley, normally employs about 100 men. The company has three mines in the same area, with a total force of 289 men.

Officials said there were 47 men normally employed on the day shift at No. 4.

Two rescue crews were ordered out immediately and two ambulances were sent to the scene from a Beckley hospital.

The tipple of the mine is about a mile and a half from the office and the spokesman said there was no communication with the tipple.

The rescue crews were summoned from Kilsythe and Glen White, between eight and 10 miles away.

The No. 4 tipple is but a short distance from United States highway 21 between Beckley and Bluefield and about a half mile from the Black Knight Country club. Part of the operation extends under the city of Beckley, in the heart of the southern West Virginia coal field.

Common Belief About Eyes False, Experiments Show

By Howard W. Blakeslee
(Associated Press Science Editor)

HAMILTON, N. Y., Dec. 17.—In the next poker game, try being suspicious of the player with the steady-looking eyes. He is likely to be the fellow who is bluffing.

Or, in the more serious game of life, look for that kind of eye in the person most suspect of deceitfulness, including yourself.

This goes contrary to the common belief that a deceitful person has "shifty eyes." The belief may be true of professional crooks, but some new experiments by Dr. Frederick K. Berrien, Colgate university psychologist, show that about 75 per cent of ordinary persons steadily their eyes when trying to deceive.

Forty persons have taken the tests, half of them committed a "laboratory crime." The other half were innocent. The crime consisted either of killing a rat in the laboratory or helping out to commit a fictitious murder.

Both guilty and innocent were questioned as suspects in one or the other of the misdeeds. They were quizzed while in front of an ophthalmograph, an instrument which makes a photographic record of eye movements.

While answering questions, the suspects were instructed to fix their eyes on a black point on a white card, and to hold the eyes as steady as possible.

The involuntary eye movements while answering questions, whether bluffing or truthfully, showed nothing that would betray lies.

But the clues appeared when, after the questioning, the suspects were subjected to one minute's silence. Before this minute, they were given one minute to rest their eyes. Then for the following minute they again fixed the eyes steadily on the point, while the ophthalmograph once more recorded the movements.

This time there was a difference between the deceivers and the truth tellers, in about 75 per cent of the trials.

The deceitful people kept their eyes more nearly steady during the silent minute. The "liars" were not only

(Continued on Sixth Page)

Deadline Is Set Wednesday For Good Fellow Letters

Previously acknowledged	$191.35
Rotary Club of Monroe	176.25
In memory of Charles E. Bynum, Jr.	5.00
Mrs. J. S. Bloch	5.00
Senior Class Ouachita Parish High School	2.50
Monroe Labor Council	10.00
A. L. Lockwood	1.00
A friend	1.00
Ouachita Valley Camp No. 10, W. O. W.	5.00
Cash	.50
Total to date	$397.50

With the deadline for appeals from needy families set for Wednesday, the Rotary Club of Monroe showed the way to Good Fellows Tuesday morning by sending in a check for $176.25.

Wednesday, the 18th of December, is the last day that the Good Fellows fund will be able to receive letters from persons seeking assistance. Investigations must be made of each appeal by the Salvation Army. The West Monroe Welfare League is assisting.

Others should follow the splendid example shown by the Rotarians in their efforts to aid the less fortunate. The letter accompanying the check, signed by C. A. Prophit, club president, follows:

"The Rotary Club of Monroe takes quite a bit of pleasure in submitting their check for $176.25 to be applied to your fund. This amount constitutes the entire proceeds from our annual program held last Thursday for the purpose of contributing Christmas cheer to the unfortunate children of our community.

"Our members have contributed generously as individuals to various funds of a general nature, which are used for general charity. They have expressed the wish that this contribution be used entirely for children, as far as is possible and practical, as

(Continued on Sixth Page)

Officials Issue Warning In Handling Of Fireworks

"Fireworks were invented several centuries ago to frighten away evil spirits," L. J. Hunnicutt, local fire inspector, said in issuing a warning against the improper use of fireworks, "but young Americans endanger the lives and property of themselves and those around them by improperly using fireworks."

"Sky rockets, Roman candles, pin wheels, and sons-of-guns are all filled with poison—each containing enough to kill from five to 10 adults—and if chewed on by small tots, would cause violent death," Inspector Hunnicutt continued.

He pointed out the danger of each one individually, saying, "Roman candles sometimes burst from the bottom, firing back on the clothing of the holder, setting them afire. A number of deaths in the city have been attributed to this cause, and several children have had fingers blown off by holding fireworks too long in their hands.

"Sky rockets, improperly aimed into houses, and small children lighting fireworks in their home near stoves have caused fires, seriously endangering life and property," he said.

Chief Frank J. Roddy cautioned citizens of the Twin Cities to "have your fun, but be very careful. It would cease to be fun if some of your loved ones are crippled and killed by the improper use of fireworks. If parents will supervise the shooting of fireworks by their children, we'll have the children with us next year."

Chief Roddy named several precautions in case of fire to persons or homes, namely:

"If, as a result of the use of fireworks, one's clothing should be set afire, roll him in a rug or coat, then see that he gets proper medical attention; and if fireworks set fire to your home, remember to call telephone number 113, or the fire department."

He concluded with "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all."

ST. MATTHEW'S SETS PROGRAM

Annual Christmas Event Will Be Staged At Auditorium Thursday

St. Matthew's Sodality will present its annual Christmas program in the school auditorium at 8 p.m. Thursday. It will consist of a one-act play, several tableaux, and the singing of Christmas carols by the high school choral club.

In the play, everything is all right in "Christmas Patches" until Aunt Jane comes. Then things begin to happen. The last time she arrived the family put on a lot of ritz, but there's no time for that now. Everybody has some worry and everything goes wrong, but things are set right with Auntie and everybody is happy as kings.

The cast includes Mrs. Bradford, Charlotte Miller; Roger Bradford, her husband, Harry Jordan; Sue Bradford, their daughter, Gustina Jacola; Billy Bradford, the awkward son, Nicky Kokinos; Mr. Smith, a friend, Joe Jacola; Helen, Mr. Bradford's sister, Eda Magnani; Mrs. Nolan, a neighborhood busybody, Kathleen Devereux; Don, Sue's boy friend, Pascal Norris.

Following the play there will be three tableaux: The Annunciation, the Visitation and the Nativity. The parts portrayed by the characters are: Our Lady, Heloise Rimes; St. Joseph, Nick Castanza; Angel Gabriel, Margaret Hausherr, and St. Elizabeth, Doris Landreaux.

Sister M. Elizabeth, the dramatic art teacher and Sister Mary Clare, directress of music are directing the program. Mr. Wamsley will accompany the choral singers on his violin.

The furniture used on the stage will be a courtesy extended by the Monroe Furniture Company.

TWO N. O. PROJECTS ARE NOW UNDERWAY

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Two national defense projects were getting underway here today.

Crews began making surveys and unloading materials for the $1,428,461 United States army base hospital near the lakefront which must be completed by March 1, 1941.

Preparations also were made to start work on a WPA project amounting to $281,000, construction of a national guard observation squadron base at the New Orleans airport.

Milk kept in a roomy, shallow basin will keep sweet longer than if put in a jug.

RED RYDER

RED RYDER, LITTLE BEAVER AND PROFESSOR ADAMS LOSE MOST OF THEIR FOOD SUPPLIES WHEN THEIR RAFT CRACKS UP IN A RIVER GORGE IN THE SOUTHWEST CANYON COUNTRY.
WE'LL MAKE IT BUT WE'VE GOT TO RATION OUR GRUB!
"BUT IF WE DO FIND THE CITY OF GOLD WE'LL WISH ITS STREETS WERE PAVED WITH FOOD, NOT GOLD!

THERE THEY GO — By Fred Harman

RED RYDER, SADDLER PHILUS AND PROFESSOR ADAMS JUST DO FIT ON RAFT!
THEIR RAFT BROKE UP AROUND HERE—IF THEY DIDN'T DROWN THEY'RE NEAR BY!
LETS LAND! WE NEED TH' PERFESSOR TO TRANSLATE TH' FURRIN WRITIN' ON TH' MAP WE STOLE FROM HIM!

RED PRESS SOUNDS WARNING TO FINNS TO PICK RIGHT MAN

MOSCOW, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Soviet press gave notice to Finland today to choose a president who "will guarantee normal friendly relations with neighboring countries and avoid the ruinous path of adventures and experiments of any kind for Finland in foreign policy."

Kyosti Kallio, former president, resigned November 28 because of poor health. No date has been set for the election to name his successor.

The newspapers printed a dispatch of the official Russian agency, Tass, from Helsinki, declaring that Finland was being pushed into an experimental path by "various reactionary business people."

"In progressive circles the present position is being discussed with alarm and some fears have been expressed concerning the possible consequences of the game behind the scenes in the choice of a candidate for the presidency," the dispatch said.

Hollywood Notes

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 17.—(AP)—How about an "Oscar" for the best movie cowboy?

With the annual academy awards coming up in a month or two, the cry has gone up again for recognition for western stars.

Republic Studio, which specializes in horse operas, says the fan mail of bronco-buster Gene Autry, particularly, includes many a proposal that he be given a "special award."

Other studios confirm the belief that cowboy movie enthusiasts think it's time their favorites receive recognition. Bill Boyd, George O'Brien, Tex Ritter, Roy Rogers, Don Barry—each has his supporters.

The motion picture academy considered such proposals last year but decided to take no action. The committee which determines the academy's special awards has made no announcement of its plans for this year.

Autry, No. 1 western boxoffice attraction, disclaimed any desire for a personal award.

"But I do think," he said, "that the field of westerns should receive special recognition.

"Westerns attract a youthful, impressionable audience, and provide those youths with entertainment of a high moral character. Western stars don't smoke or drink on the screen, and most of us don't off the screen either.

"The movie-going habits of these youngsters help to keep a lot of other films alive."

Autry suggested that if a special award is made, the super-westerns from the big studios should not be considered in competition with the films made regularly on small budgets—that is, with the "genuine" westerns.

He would eliminate from consideration such films as "Arizona," "The Westerner," "Destry Rides Again" and "Trail of the Vigilantes."

"If there's to be a special award, let it have a real meaning," he urged.

Doing things in a big way is typically Hollywood—and Dennis Morgan didn't want to be out of step at the preview of his biggest screen role.

Dennis is the handsome, Prentice, Wis., youth whose voice won him a screen contract several years ago and whose career heretofore had been chiefly notable for the fact that—also typically Hollywood—he seldom was given a chance to sing.

He must have known he had a winner, for he took not one girl, not two, but 50 to watch his performance opposite Ginger Rogers in "Kitty Foyle."

The girls were all Hollywood secretaries, come to see the poignant story of another secretary's life, taken from Christopher Morley's best-selling novel about the loves and problems of a Philadelphia white collar lass.

ACCOUNTANT FOUND SLAIN IN MYSTERY

HULL, Mass., Dec. 17.—(AP)—The slaying of Kenneth S. Legro, 30, accountant and former Dartmouth College hockey player, sent police today on a hunt for a Salem man described by District Attorney Edmund R. Dewing as a rejected suitor of the victim's widow.

Legro, a Dartmouth 1932 graduate and a bridegroom of three months, was wounded fatally by three shots as he was about to enter the front door of his cottage home at this seashore resort last night on his return from work.

Three shells were recovered on the front porch, police said, but a search failed to reveal the weapon.

TOOKE IS APPOINTED CIVIL SERVICE HEAD

BATON ROUGE, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Governor Sam Jones today appointed Charles E. Tooke, Shreveport lawyer, state civil service examiner with jurisdiction over civil service systems for members of police and fire departments in cities from 16,000 to 100,000 population.

Tooke helped draft the act, passed by the legislature this year, extending civil service protection to these employes.

The governor explained the appointment was a temporary one, since the state personnel director, to be appointed by the state civil service commission, will have jurisdiction over these municipal systems.

FRESHMAN CLASS AT COLLEGE HERE

Plans for the beginning of a freshman class at Northeast Junior college starting the second semester were underway this week, Dean C. C. Colvert announced Tuesday.

A tentative curriculum, Dean Colvert stated, includes English, social science, books and libraries, home economics, agriculture and possibly others.

All persons who are interested in enrolling for this class for freshmen are urged to contact Dean Colvert Registration for the second semester will open January 27, it was announced.

ROOSEVELT SIGNS APPOINTIVE BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today a bill authorizing him to appoint an undersecretary of war to serve during a period of national emergency.

White House officials said they had no idea yet who might get the job.

On his first full day in the White House after a two weeks' absence, the president had a luncheon engagement with Secretary Morgenthau and another appointment with Harold Smith, budget director, to discuss the general budget situation.

Whether the chief executive and his treasury secretary would go into the question of financial aid for Britai was not disclosed.

Another engagement that could hav a bearing on assistance to the Britis was with Jesse Jones, secretary o commerce and federal loan adminis trator.

Give Her a Chest of TUDOR PLATE

26-Piece Service for 8 $14.50

Free TARNISH-PROOF CHEST with every Complete Service.

50c Down 50c a Week

THE GIFT SHOP ON THE MEZZANINE

DURRETT'S

117 St. John Phone 500 Monroe

Buy Your FUR COAT With Confidence

Dover Furs

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY SINCE

Use Our Charge Plan—10 Months to Pay

Chubbies .....$39.50 up

Full Lengths .....$89.50 to $598.00

SILVERSTEIN'S 338 DeSiard St.

Dressing Lane's Sweet Tone

SHUFFLERS the Ideal Xmas Gift

98c

Solve all your gift problems with this heart-warming, comfortable new slipper sensation. Exceptional values at this low price!

Phone 292 FRANK'S 224 DeSiard

FREE! GIFT WRAPPING AND POSTAGE ON ALL 2 PAIR PURCHASES

2 PAIR HOSE SPECIAL!

2 Pairs 49c HOSE Gift Wrapped FREE POSTAGE 97c

2 Pairs 59c HOSE Gift Wrapped FREE POSTAGE $1.15

2 Pairs 69c HOSE Gift Wrapped FREE POSTAGE $1.35

2 Pairs 79c HOSE Gift Wrapped FREE POSTAGE $1.55

Special Group Prices on 3 Pairs!

Save Time! Save Money!

FRANK'S

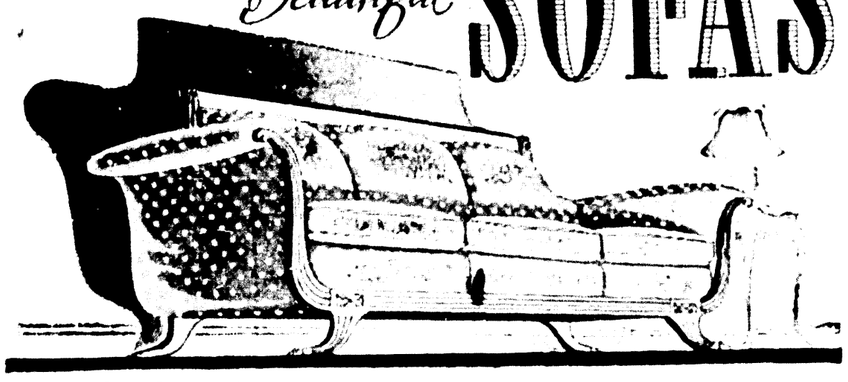
Phone 292 224 DeSiard

AT DURRETT'S

Christmas Gifts

TO PLEASE THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Beautiful SOFAS



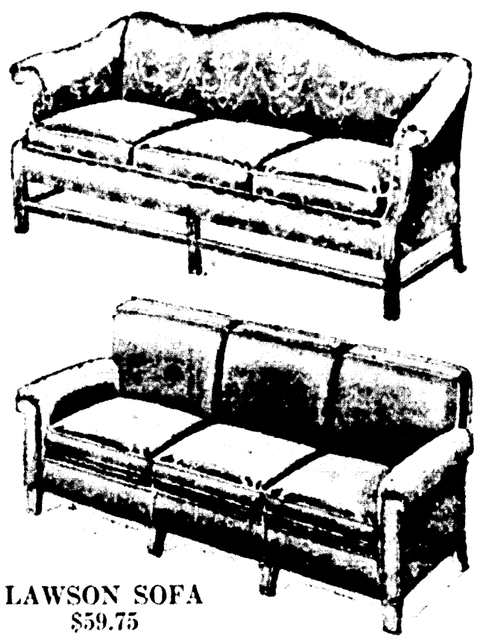
Just Received

A NEW SHIPMENT of SOFAS and CHAIRS

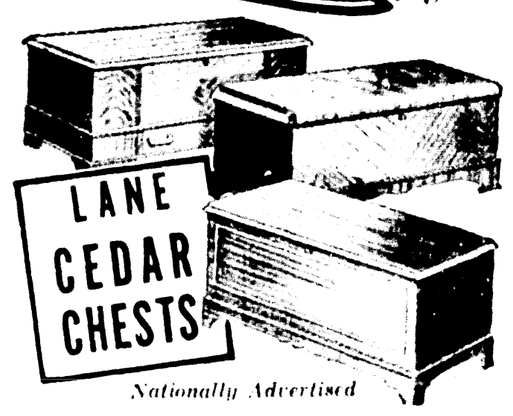
- Authentic 18th Century Styling
- Solid Mahogany Frames
- Beautiful Upholsteries

DUNCAN PHYFE $94.50

CHIPPENDALE $69.50



LAWSON SOFA $59.75



Nationally Advertised

All Styles—As Low As $21.75

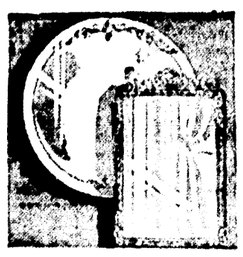
Gift Chairs

Barrel Chair As low as 28.75

Wing Chairs Occasional Chairs

6D510. Smart, modern plastic cabinet houses a powerful, beautifully toned, six tube* Superheterodyne radio. Operates on AC-DC. Built-in Wavemagnet. 16.95

*Including Heater Cathode Rectifier Tube



MIRRORS for the decorative touch. 98c up

KNEE-HOLE DESKS As low as $11.95

Down-Filled COMFORTS

By Burton

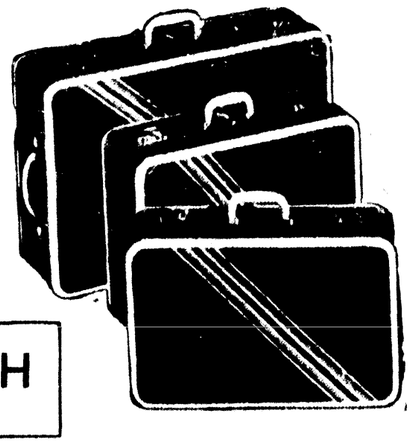
$8.95

Choice of Colors

Give Fine LUGGAGE

Men's Gladstones $10.95

Week-End Bags
Make-up Cases
Wardrobe Cases
Val-a-Paks



OSHKOSH LUGGAGE

Gift Visit Our Complete AND HOUSEWARES SHOPS On the Mezzanine

No Interest or Carrying Charge

DURRETT'S

117 St. John, Monroe 300 Trenton, West Monroe

PLANS DOMAIN IN ALASKA AREA

Man Who Sailed Family To Territory Has Idea To Start New Colony

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Establishment of an Alaskan "Shangri-La" where economic unfortunates might find a new life is the goal of Paul Satko, who sailed his large family to the northern territory last spring in a homemade boat.

The former Richmond, Va., welder, a visitor today in this port where he started his northern voyage, envisions a model community "for people like myself who want to give their children a better chance in life; who want to build for the future on something substantial."

He said that upon his return to Alaska he will make application to have the fertile, glacier-fed Eagle river valley set aside for homestead settlement. The site, eight miles square, is 30 miles north of Juneau where the Eagle and Herbert rivers sweep through rich bottom lands.

At present, Satko's 122-acre homestead is the only one available in the region. The remainder has been set aside as a national forest. The former Virginian went to Washington to explain his plan to interior department and forest service officials. They suggested that he apply to have the area thrown open for settlement.

"It's an excellent spot for a Shangri-La," Satko said. The land is fertile and flat. There's plenty of timber from which these pioneers could hew log cabins. Economic support probably would come from farming and forest-rearing. The thing would work itself out. People find the ways necessary to make a living better than you can plan them.

It would be a splendid life for the young in those surroundings of abundance. The settlers will have to be outdoor experience—farming and hunting. Sincerity of purpose would be a prime prerequisite."

As none of the settlers would come with much cash, Satko suggested the community should be cooperative, with the residents pooling their resources to buy tractors, bull-dozers and other land-clearing and cultivating equipment.

He admitted his aims aren't entirely altruistic.

"Most of all," he said, "I want a school for my children. There isn't one in the region now. Our closest neighbor is four miles away. It's 15 miles to the grocery store. If the community is established, we could have our own school, a non-denominational church, stores and our own dock."

Santa's Secrets

All About Jane And Jimmy's Magic Merry Christmas
Chapter 20—Tinkie To The Rescue

YOU CAN'T TAKE SANTA'S PLACE!
WE'LL TELL HIM AND HE'LL STOP YOU!
SO YOU'LL TELL ON ME, HUH? WELL, THAT CALLS FOR SOME OF MY MAGIC!
OH, HO! PULLING HIS OLD ICE HOUSE TRICK!
THERE! BY THE TIME THIS ICE HOUSE MELTS, IT WILL BE TOO LATE TO SPOIL MY PLAN!
GET OUT THE JUG OF SUN RAYS! LOAD IT ON A SLED--AND HURRY! JANE AND JIMMY ARE IN TROUBLE!
ICE HOUSE
Howard BOUGHNER 12-17
COPR. 1940 BY NEA SERVICE, INC.

U. S. ENVOY MEETS JAPANESE LEADER

TOKYO, Dec. 17.—(AP)—United States Ambassador Joseph C. Grew and Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka held today their first conference since November 30.

The foreign office said they mutually exchanged views of American-Japanese problems, but that the conference had no tangible result.

Observers believed, however, that recent improvement of American-Japanese trade and a relaxation of Japanese anti-foreign agitation might have been among the topics discussed.

Japanese military circles were reported to have expressed the view that the parley was of little importance.

Tokyo was cooling from the Greek wind meaning [illegible] because of its wide continental [illegible].

THE LION'S CLAWS—IN EGYPT

Lion's claws, British style, struck with fierce fury at Il Duce's legions in Egypt were many, being unsheathed [illegible]. Efficient-looking field guns like those pictured above helped British desert [illegible] thousands of prisoners. In photo above, Egyptian policeman and Brit-

DRAFT BOARDS MEET TONIGHT

Selective Service, Advisory Units Will Gather For Discussions

Officials of Ouachita Parish Selective Service Board No. 2 and those of Advisory Board No. 2 will meet Tuesday night at the parish courthouse with Major Val Irion, district inspector for the Fifth area in Louisiana for a discussion on general problems which concern the [illegible] of questionnaires by draftees, [illegible] announced.

Major Irion met with the Board No. 1 of Monroe Monday night at the Frances Hotel, which meeting was also attended by Clyde Brown, government appeal agent for this area.

The purpose of this meeting, local officials stated, is to take up various points in regard to questionnaires and to straighten out the various difficulties of the advisory boards that may arise.

Local officials also announced that the five negro volunteer draftees who left Monroe last Friday were accepted at Camp Beauregard which makes the local city and parish selective service boards record on acceptance 100 per cent so far.

NEWSBOY IS INJURED WHEN BIKE CRASHES INTO GARBAGE CART

Adolfh Weaver, 1302 Coleman avenue, West Monroe, route boy for the News-Star—World suffered serious bruises and several minor cuts early Tuesday morning when his motorbike crashed into the rear of a city garbage dumpcart in the 300 block of North Third street, police reported.

Police said the youth apparently didn't see the dumpcart ahead of him as the street was dark. Both the dumpcart, in charge of Thomas Jovingo, and the youth were traveling south on North Third street when the accident occurred.

Weaver was taken to the St. Francis Sanitarium where his condition was reported not serious.

A regular employe of a West Monroe grocery store, Weaver was substituting Tuesday morning for Dean Carter, the regular route boy, as he has done several days a week.

FOR "DOUBLE-RICH" HOLIDAYS

Cream of Kentucky

THE "DOUBLE-RICH" BOURBON

There's "DOUBLE-RICH" pleasure in the handsome holiday box that contains the largest-selling straight Bourbon whiskey in the world...Cream of Kentucky. Make your gift "DOUBLE-RICH"! Make it Cream of Kentucky!

90 PROOF....SCHENLEY DISTILLERS CORP., N. Y. C.

WALKER'S
Grocery—Market—Bakery
504 North Third

Come and Get It
Save 10¢

Fresh Shrimp, lb. 12½c

Fat Fryers, lb. 21c

HOT ROLLS
EVERY DAY
5 o'Clock P. M.
10c DOZEN

Girls and Boys Want TOYS

Large and Different Selection

- Holgate Kindergarten Toys
- Chemistry Sets
- Electric Trains
- Musical Toys, All Kinds
- Lincoln Log Sets

Select Now—Lay Them Away Until Later

DOLLS All Sizes 1.00 up

Ferd Levi STATIONERY COMPANY
Desoto and St. Phone 208

Sunbeam
AUTOMATIC
TOASTMASTER

1-Slice $9.95
2-Slice $16.00

50c Down, 50c Week

The Housewares Shop On the Mezzanine

DURRETT'S
117 St. John Phone 500 Monroe

American-Born Peeress Loses Coat To Goering

German Chieftain Buys Article Right Out Of Lady's Hands

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—[illegible]

the American expert liner Excalibur. He was Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering."

"It was a nice coat, too," she sighed. Beige with a fur collar."

Lady Decies said Goering now lives in the former French capital.

She asserted she had seen luxurious furs [illegible] in and out of the Palace of Luxembourg seat of the French senate [illegible] for the reichsmarshal.

Some of the Germans had taken over the better known hotels, including the Crillon, the Ritz and the Continental.

Conditions in Paris, she added, were [illegible] getting worse.

"Even if you have a hundred cards [illegible] you said, "it is almost impossible to buy soap or olive oil, as you can purchase only one pair of shoes and one dress a year."

WILLIAM VAN LEAR DIES IN SHREVEPORT

SHREVEPORT, Dec. 17.—(AP)—William G. Van Lear, 66, son of the late Dr. Matthew Van Lear, pastor of First Presbyterian Church here for 14 years, died early today after an illness of three weeks.

For a number of years he was connected with the United States revenue department both in New Orleans and Shreveport but during the last few years he had been a salesman. He had been a resident of Shreveport 55 years.

SNEEZING ATTACK NOT BROKEN YET

Friends of Mrs. J. E. Boyd, 800 St. John street, Monroe, the "sneezing patient" of St. Francis Sanitarium, reported Tuesday morning that the affliction continues despite the administration of a general anesthetic Monday.

Attending physicians, after trying a number of remedies in an effort to halt an attack which started last Tuesday, placed the patient under a general anesthetic for almost six hours.

PERMITS ISSUED

The following building permits were issued by Sam H. Awl, city building inspector:

J. J. Franklin, addition to a one-story frame residence, 113 Malvern street. Cost $165; M. H. Kimball, contractor.

The Conner Estate, erection of a filling station on DeSiard between 12th and 13th streets. Cost $600.

Smallie Bell, addition to a one-story frame residence, West side South 23rd street. Cost $25.

E. G. Armstrong, addition to a one-story frame residence, 521 Morris street. Cost $50; F. L. Hearne, contractor.

THE PALACE

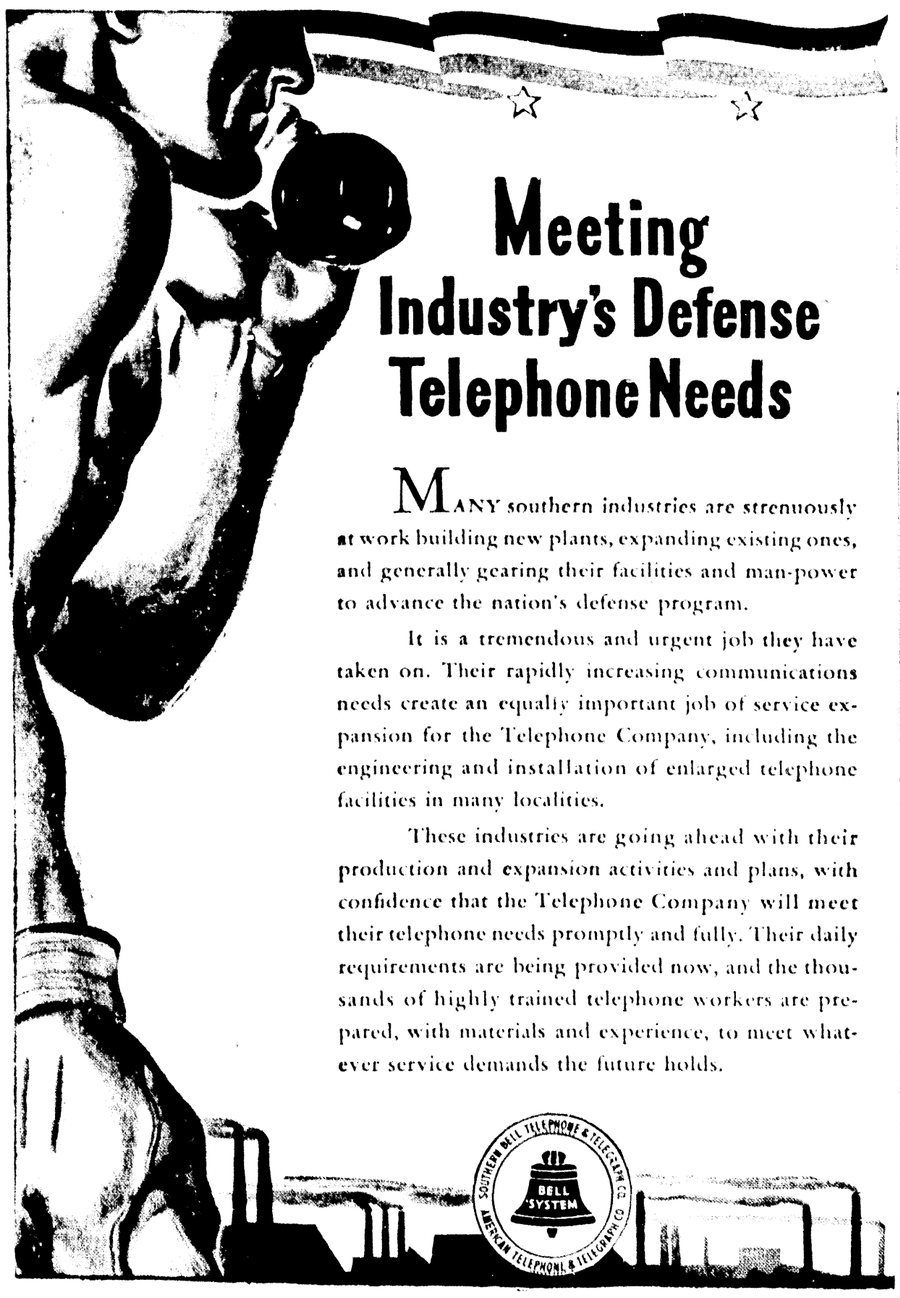
INCLUDE
In Your Market Basket

Mel-O-Toast BREAD

- Thin Sliced for Sandwiches
- Reg. Sliced for Regular Use

At All Grocery Stores and Food Counters

CITY BAKERY, INC.
WHOLESALE



Meeting Industry's Defense Telephone Needs

MANY southern industries are strenuously at work building new plants, expanding existing ones, and generally gearing their facilities and man-power to advance the nation's defense program.

It is a tremendous and urgent job they have taken on. Their rapidly increasing communications needs create an equally important job of service expansion for the Telephone Company, including the engineering and installation of enlarged telephone facilities in many localities.

These industries are going ahead with their production and expansion activities and plans, with confidence that the Telephone Company will meet their telephone needs promptly and fully. Their daily requirements are being provided now, and the thousands of highly trained telephone workers are prepared, with materials and experience, to meet whatever service demands the future holds.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO. AMERICAN TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO. BELL SYSTEM

Gifts THAT ARE PRACTICAL THE YEAR 'ROUND

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

There's no need to be in doubt when you shop the fifth floor. Give them something useful, something to wear. They will appreciate the quality and style more, if it comes from The Palace fifth floor.

FOR HER

SILK SLIPS
Crepe and satin in tearose and white. Princess and bias cut. Built up and adjustable shoulder straps.
1.00 to 1.95

SILK PANTIES
Lace trimmed and plain styles, in tearose and white. Many sizes and styles to select from.
50c to 69c

GIRLS' ROBES
Made of attractive satin, chenille and prints. A lovely gift for any girl.
1.95 to 3.95

WOOL SWEATERS
Choice of pullover and cardigan styles. Bright winter colors and all-wool.
1.00 to 3.95

WHITE BLOUSES
Choice of silk or broadcloth with long or short sleeves. Many styles.
1.00 to 1.95

RAINCOATS
Cape and coat styles with hood attached. Made of rubberized and other materials. Solids and plaids.
1.95 to 3.95

GIRLS' PAJAMAS
Made of silk or cotton in solids and prints. Lace-trim and tailored styles in silk.
1.00 to 3.95

WASH DRESSES
Made of broadcloth and spun rayon in prints and pastel colors. Sizes up to 16.
1.00 to 5.85

FOR HIM

BOYS' SHIRTS
Made of fine broadcloth in white and novelty patterns. Sport and high-neck styles.
79c to 1.50

WOOL SWEATERS
All-wool sweaters in slip-over and coat styles. Long sleeves and sleeveless.
1.95 to 5.00

KNICKERS
Made of tweedurov wool and corduroy, in novelty patterns. Sizes 5 to 16.
1.95 to 2.95

PAJAMAS
Flannelette and broadcloth in solid colors and stripes. All sizes.
1.00 to 1.95

SPORT COATS
Boys' popular jackets in genuine leather, wool and tweedurov. Plaids and solids. Sizes 4 to 16.
3.95 to 12.50

GIFT SET
Tie and Handkerchief in attractive gift box 50c

Silk Tie and Watch Set. Watch really keeps time 1.95

Comb and Brush Sets 50c up

Boys' Silk Ties 50c

Leather Belts 50c

Silk Ties 50c

FIFTH FLOOR

THE Palace
Ruark Bros. Proprietors

A GIFT FROM THE PALACE IS SURE TO PLEASE

The Monroe News-Star

PUBLISHED DAILY (Except Saturday) By THE NEWS-STAR PRINTING CORPORATION
100-110 North Second Street

JOHN D. EWING, President — WILSON EWING, Publisher

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

	Daily and Sun. News-Star	Daily and Sun. Combination	Daily and Sun World
One week	20c	30c	30c
One month	75c	1.20	75c
Three months	2.25	3.75	2.25
Six months	4.50	7.50	4.50
One year	9.00	15.00	9.00

Entered as second-class matter at the Monroe (La.) postoffice June 1, 1909 under the Act of March 3, 1879
Member Audit Bureau of Circulation

THE BRANHAM CO., National Advertising representatives. Offices: New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas, Detroit, St. Louis, Kansas City, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in this paper and also the local news published therein. All rights of republication of special dispatches also are reserved.

How To Call The NEWS-STAR or MORNING WORLD By Telephone
After 7 p. m.

All Departments (Daily except Sunday)	4800
Business Office	3253
Editorial Room	3200 or 4793
Mail Room	3258
All Day Sunday	3253

The Monroe News-Star is an independent newspaper. It prints the news impartially. It supports what it believes to be right. It opposes what it believes to be wrong, without regard to party politics.

Revolutionary Reform In Mexico

Revolutions are not all made with bombs and barricades. Any sudden reform that gets down to changing the basic nature of a system may be called revolutionary.

On that basis, Mexico has had a revolution since Avila Camacho assumed the presidency on December 1. Not the predicted Almazanist revolution, but another scarcely less basic than that might have been.

President Avila Camacho has announced that individual land titles are to be given as soon as possible to the 1,500,000 peasants living on the 15,000 communal farms of the Republic.

The deep significance of this is only seen against the background of Mexican revolutions and of The Revolution (of 1910). Landless peons have been the curse of Mexico since the conquistadores. Reformers, radicals, revolutionaries, all have marched to a battle-cry of "Land and Liberty!" The land-hunger of the landless has been the central fact of Mexican politics for decades. Zapata, Villa, Obregon—the whole procession of revolutionary leaders all promised land for the landless. Until the Cardenas regime little was done about it. Then expropriation of millions of acres became a reality.

But there were always two views within the revolution as to how to handle the land after it had been taken from the big landlords. One was that it should be owned and worked by communities (ejidos). That was the Cardenist view. That was what Cardenas brought about. But the other view was that individual peasants should have their "mule and 40 acres."

There is a wide difference of opinion as to the success of the ejidos under Cardenas. One is that the communities are as badly in hock to the government bank as they ever were to the landlords, while production fell because "what was everybody's business was nobody's business." The other is that the ejidos have been successful.

Whichever may be correct, the new President Avila Camacho has apparently decided to reverse this communal current and try the plan of "the other half of the revolution" by parceling land among individual peasants. The step is to be gradual, with communal operation continued for the present, but it is regarded as a forerunner to the end of the ejido system and a return to individual tillage.

It is hard to appreciate in the United States how really revolutionary this step is. It is certain to cause the most violent controversy. Radicals will regard it as a betrayal of the revolution. Their opponents will say it is a step toward real freedom, individualism, opportunity.

How it will work, no one can certainly say, but within 10 days of his own inauguration, President Avila Camacho has taken a step almost as revolutionary as the Revolution itself.

Spare The Postman

Mail early, mail now. The postmaster has assured all that he is prepared for what may be the biggest business in years. Let everyone take advantage of this total preparedness so rare in the world today.

Nothing is so flat as the red and gold tinsel package arriving in the cold, gray after-Christmas dawn; nothing so pleasant as that same package stored in some secret closet waiting only for Christmas morning to be opened.

And those cards, those annual Christmas cards upon which slim connection old friendships hang—get them off in time and spare your friends that momentary hurt and disappointment.

Buying presents is only half of the job. Sending them is the other. Resist that temptation to read the last chapter of the book you bought for Aunt Jane, and forego that extra day's tinkering with Nephew Oliver's reversible tank.

Mail early and avoid making this Christmas the nightmare of suspense this day too often is. This is a celebration for which preparations should be made beforehand, leisurely savored, enjoyed by a quiet, not harried, mind.

To say nothing of the headaches you will save the postoffice staff by avoiding a last-minute mailing jag.

Hundred Million Day

On the score of record expenditures some of these sunsets fall at Washington, D. C., on red letter days for sure. One one day recently the war orders out of Washington within twelve hours climbed to $101,538,793.

In this expenditure airplane orders led the way. The Curtiss-Wright Company got a $29,000,000 contract from the war department and the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation got a navy order for $18,050,000 worth of bombers.

The Mergenthaler Linotype Company got a $600,000 order for fire control equipment; the National Tube Company $1,000,000 for forgings; the Baytown Ordnance Works, Tex., an order for about $8,000,000 worth of tuluol and many corporations, most of them in the east, drew down heavy orders either for furnishing artillery ammunition or for loading it.

A Week To Go

Here we are, entering the final lap of the pre-Christmas season. Just a week to go. It's a festive time, a time for hearty greetings and good cheer. About that good cheer, now. How about spreading some among the multitude of folk who help make all our Christmases?

We mean the salesmen and the saleswomen in the stores and shops, whose patience and courtesy seem unfailing. We mean the deliverymen, the mailmen, the transportation workers and all others whose work is so closely associated with our own Merry Christmas.

The rush reaches a crescendo this week. Temper and patience will be taxed. So spare some of that Christmas spirit when the going is roughest, it's bound to help.

The Once Over

By B. I. PHILLIPS

'OH, HOW I HATE TO GET UP, ETC.'

We knew this was the age of innovation and the era of swift change, but we were not prepared for the last straw from camp. It seems the army bugle is on the skids!

• • •

From Camp Upton comes the news that a buzzer is already being used instead.

• • •

Headquarters Company of the 174th Infantry has wired its tents and the boys are aroused in the morning by a sergeant's thumb on a button.

• • •

Progress is progress, but this sort of thing should be nipped in the bud. Is everything with custom and tradition behind it to be taken out of war? Is the army bugler to fall before the regimental electrician?

• • •

Can it be possible that no longer the bugle shall sound in the tradition of Valley Forge, Gettysburg, San Juan Hill and Soissons, and that the boys must now be aroused from their dreams of blondes, coral isles and sudden riches by buzzer?

• • •

It looks that way. It's all done by electricity these days. At Upton a "Buzzer Sergeant" has replaced the bugler, reveille is something done by buttons, and taps can be interfered with any time by wire trouble.

• • •

Talk about mechanized war!

• • •

If this isn't checked our boys may be saluting the general through an electric arm, doing guard duty by shadowgraph and having breakfast in bed by short wave.

• • •

The reaction is awaited. The bugle call may not have held any hot spot in the hearts of the doughboys, but it was great stuff from the standpoint of tradition. There was something inspiring and colorful about it, even if somewhat annoying at 5:30 a.m.

• • •

Or wasn't there?

• • •

Is the bugle just another old-fashioned device wholly unsuited to modern times like 5 per cent interest, whiskers on a supreme court judge, a stock market ticker and simple arithmetic?

• • •

Is it possible a soldier would rather be awakened in the morning by a buzzer, called to battle by electric chimes and summoned to the charge by a self-starter?

• • •

We pause for a reply. And we hope the reply hasn't zippers on it.

THOSE LAST-MINUTE TOUCHDOWNS

Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm has rejected a chance to return to Germany. There's one man who has sense enough not to make any move before the final score.

"Whitestone Bridge, New York, Sways at Times."—Headline. How about calling it the Great White Sway?

"Heads of Queens and City Colleges Deny Communistic Influences There."—Headline.

• • •

Wanna bet?

(Released by The Associated Newspapers.)

Our Children

By ANGELO PATRI

CLEANLINESS MEANS HEALTH

Children should not have to sniff. A sniff means something wrong in the nose and that means the use of a handkerchief promptly and effectively. The nose is the doorway to the lungs. Through the nose travels the air that is to keep the body alive, alert and active. If it is clogged, dirty or diseased, the body must suffer sickness and pain and a loss of power.

Children sniff in cold weather. They would rather sniff than use a handkerchief. No reason except that they are children and children are like that. It is bothersome to get at the pocket where the handkerchief is, if it is there. Usually it is not. And a sniff is not important to the child who really does not know he is sniffing.

But the teacher knows he is sniffing. She sees and hears him. So does his mother, and anybody else in his presence. His first sniff should be a signal for a request that he use his handkerchief. He is to go into privacy and clean the passageway of his nose.

Paper handkerchiefs are a boon to all children and teachers and parents. The cotton handkerchief is not useful to a school child. It is soon dirty; it stays dirty; and it gathers more dirt as the day goes on. It is dropped and picked up and used. Instead of removing the cause of trouble it adds something to it. Washing it is a chore that nobody likes.

The paper handkerchief is light and easy to carry. A bunch of them will go into one pocket. They are cheap, so we can use plenty of them. Once used they go into the basket and are burned, never returned to the pocket to be the breeding place of countless germs of disease.

The child whose nose is clean has a much better chance of coming through the winter without colds, than the one whose nose is chocked up with a discharge or with adenoids. Adenoids are not a part of the body. They do not belong. When they appear they should be removed under the careful supervision of your physician and a good surgeon. The operation is not serious at all if the surgeon is experienced, as he must be. Get rid of the adenoid growth and avoid all the troubles that it causes, such as backwardness, dullness, defective hearing and lowered vitality. An adenoid growth costs too much to permit its staying in a child's nose. Out with it promptly.

When tonsils are diseased the physician will order them out. Don't wait once he gives the order. The passages must be kept clean and free if the child is to get enough clean air to live and thrive on, and there is no time to be lost in talking about the matter. Adenoids, diseased tonsils and running ears and sore throats and repeated colds are all of a piece. A clean nose, an open and healthy throat, a pair of sound ears, are boons of childhood that any child may have if ordinary care is exercised.

Watch the sniffle. Supply plenty of paper handkerchiefs. Watch the breathing, the talking and swallowing, and if there is any indication of a blocking anywhere along the line have the physician look into the passages. The nose must be clean if the child is to be healthy and to make proper growth.

Mr. Patri has prepared a leaflet entitled, "Stammering," in which he advises parents how to coach the youngsters over this childhood difficulty. Send for it, addressing your request to Mr. Angelo Patri, Child Psychology Department of the Monroe News-Star, Postoffice Box 150, Times Square Station, New York, N. Y. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped (3-cent) envelope.

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Washington Daybook

By Jack Stinnett

WASHINGTON—The repercussions of the Democratic convention in Chicago continue to keep the Washington scene shifting and provide the capital kibitzers with endless topics for speculation.

Of these, there have been none more important perhaps than the steady rise of Jesse Jones and Paul V. McNutt. As secretary of commerce and federal loan administrator, Jones is toting on his broad shoulders a double load. These two jobs carry more weight with the nation's business, big and little, than any others in the government.

And now McNutt comes up another notch. Already federal security administrator, and thereby head of such important agencies as social security, the public health service, the United States office of education, the national youth administration and the civilian conservation corps, he recently was given the important task of coordinating the entire health, medical welfare, nutrition and recreational aspects of the national defense program.

It's Too Early

Hardly had this announcement been made than the item writers again were wondering if President Roosevelt could be grooming McNutt for the presidential race of 1944. Such speculation at this time is about as farfetched as forecasting what the weather will be on election day that year. It's enough now to consider the present in the light of that Chicago convention and let the future take care of itself.

McNutt, who was openly in the field for the presidential nomination longer than any one else, took himself out of the picture and announced for the third term even before it was known that F. D. R. would run again. But McNutt had gone to the convention with the most effective national organization in the field. He had on his record a long list of political victories in his native Indiana, including four years as governor. He had been national commander of the American Legion, high commissioner to the Philippines, and for a year federal security administrator (despensing about $800,000,000 a year). There was hardly a serious observer at the convention who didn't feel that McNutt could have had the vice-presidency if he had wanted it. Yet, when Roosevelt called for Henry A. Wallace, McNutt bowed out of the picture and threw the weight of his organization into the scales for the choice of his chief.

Frequently Mentioned

Now take the case of Jesse Jones. As chairman of the reconstruction finance corporation for eight years, he had supervised loans of more than ten billion dollars. In pre-convention days, he frequently had been mentioned as a possible presidential candidate, but always declared he was not in the running. When the Chicago convention swung into action, there was no one more conspicuous on the platform than the tall broad-backed Texan and there wasn't an important party huddle in which his big white head was not prominently bent.

When the nominations were over and the third term race was on, not only McNutt, who is admittedly a politician, but Jones, who denies any connection or aspirations for connections with professional politics, were in the thick of it time and again to help the president roll up his majority.

Congress With Him

Just how well Jones is thought of outside purely administration circles is illustrated by the fact that congress had to pass a special law to make it possible for him to carry his two present jobs. The only dissent came from one representative whose complaint was: "We don't want to kill him" (with more work than he can stand).

A lot of water has run under the bridges since that Chicago convention and a lot of persons important in the first and second terms already have been washed downstream—but not McNutt and Jones. Certainly some kind of a tide is carrying them in the other direction.

Hawaii National park is unique in that it consists of tracts on two separate islands.

15 Years Ago

December 17, 1925

Mr. Jack Robinson, Sr., of N. J. will enjoy the holidays with his brother, Mr. Furman P. Robinson, and Mr. Leon Hammond. A family reunion south will be held in New Orleans before returning home.

Mrs. Evelyn Bacon is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. D. Franklin, of Vicksburg, Miss., and later in the week will go to "Riverside" to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barbee, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith have as their two sons, Hubert and Gordon, of Fort Worth, Tex., with whom they motored over Saturday. Both Fort Worth boys were members of Mr. Smith's old class and will be remembered as Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, formerly of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barker will have as their guests for the week Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDonald of Little Rock, Ark., who will motor down to Shreveport. Mr. Wynne, who is connected with the Little Rock Gazette, will be remembered as a former resident of this city.

Miss Margaret Arnold of Rayne is the holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Arnold.

HEART KILLS MORE THAN OTHER CAUSES

WASHINGTON Dec. 17 (AP)—Heart disease killed twice as many Americans last year as any other cause.

Out of the 1,343,749 deaths reported in the United States in 1939, 586,000 were caused by heart disease. Cancer was next with 154,000, other major causes were: Central nervous system, 114,967; tuberculosis, 108,332; and diseases of pneumonia, 99,097; violence, 91,000; and diabetes, 41,000.

Accidental deaths totaled 96,000, of which 32,500 were motor vehicle mishaps. Suicides numbered 19,552 and 8,324 deaths were charged to homicide.

JONES WILL SEEK $5,000,000 FUND

BATON ROUGE Dec. 17 (AP)—Governor Sam Jones said he thought he would ask the legislature to approve the action of the state board of liquidation in granting him power to borrow $5,000,000.

Jones said the money was needed to meet an estimated deficit of $4,000,000 before July 1. A similar deficit is anticipated next year.

Opposition to the huge borrowing has developed in several quarters and appeals have been made to the governor to seek other methods of meeting the emergency.

Among the superstitions of stage people is that whistling in a dressing room is the height of bad luck.

Odd Items In The News

By Associated Press

YULE THIEF

INDIANAPOLIS—A week before the holidays, a strong-armed thief has tackled his Christmas shopping.

Mrs. E. L. Mace left her car parked by the curb and turned off a 10-year-old cedar in her yard—intended for a Christmas tree.

WRONG SIGNALS

ST. CHARLES, Mo.—Fire [illegible] was going to be put out [illegible] but behind a garage [illegible]. Soon a car drove in and the driver beat the tank full. He couldn't find his wallet but pulled a gun and took $5 from the attendant.

The regular cop on the beat was promoted, but was motioned away by the other officers as might scare the suspect. Meantime, the robber drove away unmolested.

BOOMERANG

KANSAS CITY—Waiters at Sam Berman's, specialty shop, were instructed to offer afternoon customers "Any dessert" or "Anything more?"

Berman's sales method boomeranged after he staked a footless man to a sandwich and coffee.

Came a shift in waiters and Berman heard the pet name switch to: "Don't you want a nice piece of hot mince pie?"

"Don't mind a bit," grinned the stranger.

NEARING THE DEADLINE

HIAWATHA, Kas.—Three bachelors posted their advertisement in the Hiawatha World:

"Last opportunity fifteen more days only of four sons (Signed) Alvin Gross, Marion Wenner, Preston Dent."

JUST DRIFTING ALONG

LINCOLN, Neb.—Police arrested Don Grandski, 20, for reckless driving, not an unusual charge.

But two officers said he was going 5 on a street covered with 15 inches of snow and drifts as deep as four feet.

Grandski pleaded not guilty.

HELPFUL FISH

KANKAKEE, Ill.—Duck hunters Fred Shea and Peter Verhage didn't bag any ducks, but a 25-pound buffalo fish saw to it that they didn't return empty handed.

The huntsmen said they saw the fish wedged between two cakes of ice in a river and, when they rowed out to investigate, the fish flopped into their boat.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

(By Associated Press)

December 17, 1915—Serbs and Bulgars engaged in heavy battle in Black Drin Valley.

FUNNY BUSINESS

"Do you have any non-stip mistletoe?"

Jimmie Fidler In Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 17.—Yesterday I met Neil Hamilton for the first time in ages. Before we parted, I was aware that:

(1) Hamilton, at forty, is one of the handsomest (perhaps THE handsomest) men in Hollywood. (2) He has not worked in a motion picture this year. (3) His past record is such that producers who are overlooking him are losing out on a good thing.

There are reasons why Hamilton should be working—very good reasons. He is a splendid actor. His performances in "Beau Geste" (the original), "What Price Hollywood," "Strangers May Kiss" and "The Wet Parade" (in which he played a man stricken blind by prohibition liquor) were not merely good; they were outstanding.

Hamilton is well known to the public. I don't for one minute say millions would flock to see him, but certainly many who might see a picture in which he appeared would welcome him back and would regard the film kindly, which in turn would bring word-of-mouth publicity of the kind producers can't buy.

Furthermore, Neil would be a decorative asset to a picture. His handsomeness and poise would lend class to any film. Certainly if I were a producer, I would pass up half-a-hundred of the new "discoveries" who are flocking the projects of the movies, and I would choose Hamilton to help make my picture better.

To be sure, I don't think H. [illegible] has personally overlooked Neil. Producers simply haven't thought of him any more than I had before yesterday's chance encounter. But I do believe that if they will think of him and see him, they'll be impressed as I was—which would mean a job for a good guy who needs one.

Hal Chester, from the cop's beat department now admits that Hedy Lamarr has gone Hollywood. She's [illegible] Wendy Barrie and Paulette Goddard. Washing Mae West aside, it may be the [illegible] Lamarr Vera Ralston, Fifi D'Orsay, Jinx Falkenburg, Betty Bergere [illegible] Lana Turner [illegible] Rochelle Hudson [illegible] Ann Sheridan [illegible] Ann Rutherford [illegible] Jane Wyman [illegible] Gail Patrick [illegible] Ann Dvorak [illegible] Ann Miller [illegible] Ann Sothern [illegible] Joan Blondell [illegible] Joan Bennett [illegible] Joan Crawford [illegible] Joan Leslie [illegible] Joan Fontaine [illegible] Joan Davis [illegible] Joan Caulfield [illegible] Joan Perry [illegible] Joan Marsh [illegible] Joan Barclay [illegible] Joan Woodbury [illegible] Joan Winfield [illegible] Joan Carroll [illegible] Joan Vohs [illegible] Joan Valerie [illegible] Joan Barton [illegible] Joan Bel Geddes [illegible] Joan Lorring [illegible] Joan Tetzel [illegible] Joan Blaine [illegible] Joan Banks [illegible] Joan Bennett [illegible] Joan Blondell [illegible] Joan Bennett [illegible] Joan Blondell [illegible] Joan Bennett [illegible] Joan Blondell

DOCTORS TO HOLD MEET WEDNESDAY

Prominent physicians are scheduled to speak at a banquet-meeting of the Fifth District Medical society to be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Frances hotel.

An illustrated lecture on "Plasmo Treatment in Gastro-Intestinal Diseases" will be presented by Dr. Daniel N. Silverman, gastro-enterologist, Tulane university, New Orleans.

Other speakers will be Dr. Edwin L. Zanders, New Orleans specialist in gynecology, "The Uterine Cervix—Its Disturbances and Their Treatment;" Dr. Marvin T. Green, Ruston, "Non-Malignant Conditions of the Breast."

Dr. C. P. Gray, Monroe, is chairman of the program committee in charge of the program .

Officers of the group are Dr. C. E. McConnell, Mangham, president; Dr. Raegan Green, Ruston, secretary, and Dr. C. B. Flinn, Monroe, assistant secretary.

Lions once were valued at $1,000 a pair, but now are sold for as low as $50 a pair.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

From Central Saving Bank and Trust company to Alvin ' Tippitt, lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18, of block 3, of Spanish City addition to the city of Monroe; $7,500 cash.

Monroe Building and Loan association to William R. Gates, lot 9, of block 33, of Steele-Madden addition to the city of West Monroe; $2,750 cash.

Mabel Horuff to Millard Harris, lot 2, of square 40, and lot 11, of square 41, of Flournoy's second addition to the city of West Monroe; $100 cash.

Only 6 More Shopping Days

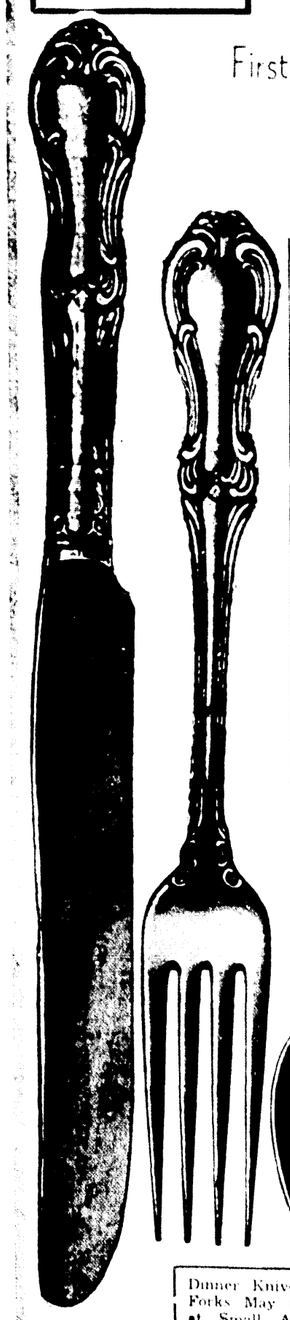
Merry Christmas to All

And to ALL
Sensational Savings During
Peacock's CHRISTMAS SALE of

SOLID STERLING SILVER

Features the "Charles I" as Pictured

40% OFF Nationally Advertised Prices



First Pay In February---No Money Down

No Interest or Carrying Charges With

12 MONTHS TO PAY

20-Piece Beginner's Set — $4.00 Monthly

	Reg. Price	Sale Price	Saving
4 Dessert Knives	$13.33	$ 8.00	$ 5.33
4 Dessert Forks	13.67	8.20	5.47
4 Teaspoons	7.00	4.20	2.80
4 Iced Teaspoons	11.33	6.80	4.53
4 Salad Forks	11.67	7.00	4.67
	$57.00	$34.20	$22.80

30-Piece Set — $5.00 Monthly

	Reg. Price	Sale Price	Saving
6 Dessert Knives	$20.00	$12.00	$ 8.00
6 Dessert Forks	20.50	12.30	8.20
6 Teaspoons	10.50	6.30	4.20
6 Salad Forks	17.50	10.50	7.00
6 Iced Teaspoons	17.00	10.20	6.80
	$85.50	$51.30	$34.20

40-Piece Set — $5.00 Monthly

	Reg. Price	Sale Price	Saving
8 Dessert Knives	$26.67	$16.00	$10.67
8 Dessert Forks	27.34	16.40	10.94
8 Teaspoons	14.00	8.40	5.60
8 Iced Teaspoons	22.66	13.69	9.06
8 Salad Forks	23.34	14.00	9.34
	$114.01	$68.40	$45.61

38-Piece Set — $5.00 Monthly

	Reg. Price	Sale Price	Saving
6 Dessert Knives	$20.00	$12.00	$ 8.00
6 Dessert Forks	20.50	12.30	8.20
6 Teaspoons	10.50	6.30	4.20
6 Salad Forks	17.50	10.50	7.00
6 Iced Teaspoons	17.00	10.20	6.80
6 Cream Soup Spoons	18.00	10.80	7.20
1 Sugar Spoon	3.25	1.95	1.30
1 Butter Knife	4.50	2.70	1.80
	$111.25	$66.75	$44.50

COMPARATIVE PRICES AND SAVINGS

Price Each	Reg. Price	Sale Price
2-Piece Steak Set	$10.00	$6.00
Berry Spoon	9.00	5.40
Bon-Bon Spoon	3.00	1.80
Butter Knife	4.50	2.70
Cake Server	4.50	2.70
Cream Ladle	3.75	2.25
Cold Meat Fork	8.50	5.10
Gravy Ladle	6.50	3.90
Jelly Server	3.25	1.95
Pickle Fork	2.75	1.65
Pie Server	5.00	3.00
Tablespoon	5.50	3.20
Tomato Server	7.50	4.50

COMPARATIVE PRICES AND SAVINGS

Price Doz.	Reg. Price	Sale Price
Dinner Knives	$44.00	$26.40
Dinner Forks	53.00	31.80
Dessert Knives	40.00	24.00
Dessert Forks	41.00	24.60
Teaspoons	21.00	12.60
Salad Forks	35.00	21.00
Iced Teaspoons	34.00	20.40
Cream Soup Spoons	36.00	21.60
Oyster, Cocktail Forks	24.00	14.40
After Dinner Coffee Spoons	14.00	8.40
Butter Spreaders	28.00	16.80

Dinner Knives and Dinner Forks May Be Substituted at Small Additional Cost

FREE — Handsome tarnish-proof chest with each set and engraving without additional charge.

Mail Orders Filled Promptly

Out-of-Town Accounts Invited

Leading Peacock's INC Jewelers
CREDIT JEWELERS
200 DESIARD

PEACOCK'S—200 DESIARD

Packages Xmas Wrapped

OPEN EVERY NIGHT TILL CHRISTMAS

WHY PAY CASH?

DURING PEACOCK'S

CHRISTMAS SALE

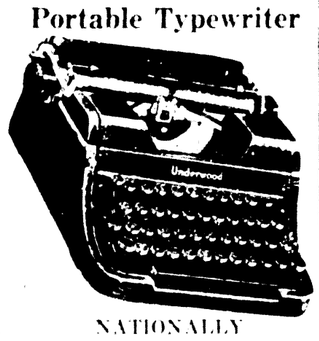
No Money Down--with

12 Months to Pay

NO INTEREST OR CARRYING CHARGES

XMAS SPECIAL

The Nationally Famous UNDERWOOD TYPEMASTER UNIVERSAL Portable Typewriter



NATIONALLY ADVERTISED PRICE $54.50

For a Limited Time ONLY

$44.50

Save $10.00

$1.00 Weekly

$2.00 Semi-Monthly

or $4.00 Monthly

Man's Swank Set $1.00 up

RONSON LIGHTERS

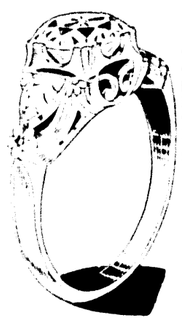
For Him and Her

$3.50 up

Famous MIXMASTER

50c Weekly $23.75

Newest Mountings "Jean" $19.75 50c Weekly



Newest Designs "Gloria" $16.50 50c Weekly

Exquisitely Fashioned

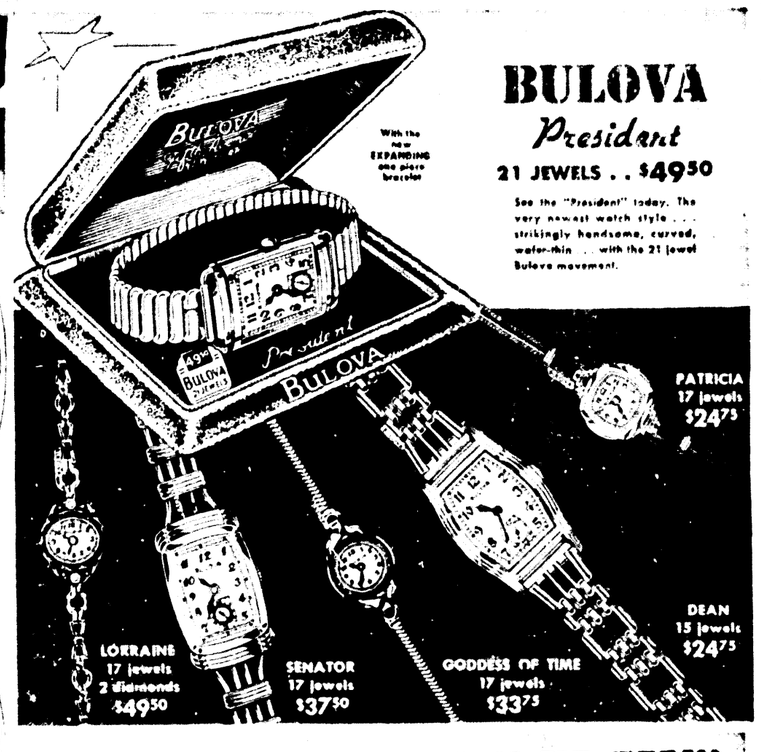
Choose It and Charge It "Mi Love" $39.95 75c Weekly

$29.50 $1.00 Weekly

BULOVA President 21 JEWELS . . $49.50

See the "President" today. The very newest watch style . . . strikingly handsome, curved, wafer-thin . . . with the 21 jewel Bulova movement.

With the new EXPANDING one piece bracelet



19 Jewels "LADY ELGIN" $52.50

Lady Elgin . . . for the lady in your life. Exquisite 14K natural gold-filled case with bracelet . . . 19-jewel movement.

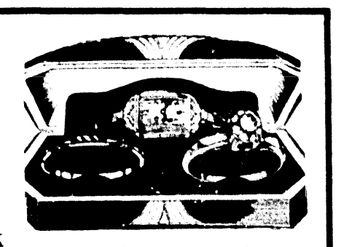
$1.00 A WEEK

Lady Elgin
15 Jewel Man's Elgin $29.75 75c a week
15 Jewel Ladies' Elgin $33.75 75c a week
21 Jewel Lord Elgin $50.00 $1.00 a week
Ladies 17 Jewel Elgin Deluxe $39.75 75c a week
17 Jewel Man's Elgin $37.50 75c a week

"Sweetheart Ensemble" HER TRIO

- Fully Jeweled Watch
- Diamond Wedding Band
- Diamond Engagement Ring

$29.75 75c Week



A Beautiful Gift

5-TUBE EMERSON RADIO $11.95

Pay Only 50c Weekly

Charge It—Pay Later

10-Piece Dresser Set $6.95 up

50c A WEEK

The Finest Offer Ever Made

Lifetime Guaranteed Silverware Made by Rogers and Guaranteed by International Silver Co. Complete 69-Pc. Service for 8

"Modern Rose" Regular $40 Value

HALF PRICE $19.95 $2 Per Month

The Set Contains

- 8 Knives
- 8 Soup Spoons
- 16 Teaspoons
- 8 Forks
- 8 Salad Forks
- 8 Serving
- 8 Iced Tea Spoons
- 8 Butter Spreaders
- 1 Butler Knife
- 1 Sugar Shell

Unless you already have an account with us, please fill in this application blank and mail to us if you live out-of-town.

Name .....
Address .....
Article Desired .....
Payments Preferred .....
References .....
With Whom Connected .....
How Long .....

OUT-OF-TOWN ACCOUNTS INVITED MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED

Leading Peacock's INC Jewelers
CREDIT JEWELERS
200 DESIARD

...ITISH, GREEKS DRIVE FURIOUSLY

(Continued from First Page)

...ation of resistance in western Egypt, and Fort Capuzzo, strategic highway fortress 12 miles due south of Bardia.

Premier Mussolini's high command said the battle on the Libyan front was raging "with ferocity no less than that on previous days" and declared that the Italian air force "strongly wore down the enemy."

Fascist torpedo-launching planes, the Rome communique said, scored two hits on a 6,000-ton British cruiser which was shelling Bardia. No details of damage were given.

On the Balkan warfront, the Italian high command noted "bitter fighting" in the south, where the Greeks said they were advancing two spearheads in a converging drive on the last mountain defense line guarding Valona, Adriatic sea port.

A Greek government spokesman said that, despite freezing cold and snow-clogged passes, the Greeks were driving the Italians before them through the Dvinos valley, along the road from Argirocastro to Tepeleni, and on the Skivovik Heights, midway between Tepeleni and the coastal town of Chimara.

While bad flying weather held Nazi Luftwaffe attacks on the British Isles to a minimum, with London undergoing only two short alarms, R. A. F. bombers raided Mannheim, in southwest Germany, and reportedly left "many important targets in flames." Other R. A. F. planes attacked six merchantmen off the coast of France.

Hitler's high command acknowledged that "explosives and incendiaries caused damage and fires to buildings," but asserted that "the production decline caused in two factories is immaterial."

The high command listed 10 dead, 50 injured.

Otto Abetz, German ambassador to Paris, conferred for nearly two hours with Chief of State Philippe Petain—presumably to demand why the aged marshal suddenly ousted former Vice-Premier Pierre Laval.

Dispatches from Bern, Switzerland, said Laval, a virtual prisoner of the French government since his expulsion from the Petain government, was taken to Vichy during the day at the personal request of Abetz.

Diplomatic quarters in Bern said it was likely Abetz merely wanted to hear Laval's side before making his report to Hitler.

Authorized Nazis in Berlin, meanwhile, declared Germany's interest in the case centered on the prime question:

"Does France intend to continue advancing the European policy which recognizes the principle of German victory, or not?"

Also: "Has any change in French policy taken place?"

Many observers believed the fate of Petain's government hinged upon the Abetz-Petain talk since Berlin sources maintained Laval's ouster came as a surprise to them and also emphasized that only a truce existed between France and Germany.

There was speculation that Germany might occupy all of France following the reported refusal of Marshal Petain to permit German troops to cross the unoccupied zone en route to North Africa to aid Premier Mussolini's Libyan forces.

A possible obstacle to such a move, however, is the fact that General Maxime Weygand still commands a powerful segment of the French army in northern Africa and any German move into unoccupied France might cause him to swing into the British fold.

Greek spokesmen said 200 more Italian prisoners were taken in the Albanian campaign amid steady Greek advances, but acknowledged that heavy snowfalls were slowing their drive. Fierce Italian resistance also was reported on the northern and southern wings of the front.

Four persons were killed when more than 10 bombs crashed in the heart of Basel, Switzerland, and a nearby village just before midnight last night. Pending the outcome of an investigation, the Swiss said they believed the bombs had been dropped by a British plane which mistook the city for a German objective.

Bad flying weather reduced German attacks on Britain, but casualties occurred in a northwest town where a theater was struck, and in a western Midlands town where six homes were demolished.

MRS. JOHN LYNCH DIES AT RESIDENCE

Mrs. John G. Lynch, 66, died suddenly at her home in Bon Aire late Monday night.

Short services will be held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louis Rolleigh, 1010 St. John street, at 7 a. m. Wednesday, with Rev. N. F. Vandagaer officiating. The body will be taken to Vicksburg, Miss., where services will be held at the Catholic Church at 10 a. m. Wednesday. Interment will follow in the Vicksburg cemetery.

Mrs. Lynch was born in Vicksburg and came to Monroe in 1932 from Shreveport.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Fred Reagan and Mrs. Louis F. Rolleigh, both of Monroe, one son, William E Lynch, Marshall, Tex., and several grandchildren, John F. Reagan, Marjorie Alice Reagan, Kathleen Lynch Rolleigh, Marilyn Rolleigh, Louis F. Rolleigh, Jr., Alice Rolleigh, Eugene Lynch, and David Lynch.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Peters Funeral Home.

To relieve Misery of COLDS
666
LIQUID TABLETS SALVE NOSE DROPS COUGH DROPS
Try "Rub-My-Tism"—a Wonderful Liniment

THE GUMPS — LAUGH, CLOWN, LAUGH — By Gus Edson

THE BOSS USED TO BE A JOLLY GOOD FELLER—BUT ONE RACKET AFTER ANOTHER BLEW UP IN HIS FACE—SO THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT TO DO BUT RETIRE—THAT'S WHY WE'RE HIDING OUT UP HERE—TILL BETTER TIMES—
THE BOSS AIN'T LAUGHED IN MONTHS—
—AND THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN—
ME?
12-16
HE AIN'T EVEN GIVEN US A HOT FOOT SINCE WE BEEN HERE! THAT AIN'T LIKE THE BOSS—HE'S LOST HIS SENSE OF HUMOR!
WE BEEN TRYING OUR BEST—BUT SO FAR WE AIN'T GOT A SNICKER OUT OF HIM—SO WE'RE TURNING THE JOB OVER TO A REAL EXPERT—YOU!
B-BUT!
NO BUTS—THAT'S THE BOSS'S ROOM—GET IN THERE AND START DOING YOUR STUFF—AND, I WARN YOU—DON'T FAIL!!
GUS EDSON

EXPLOSION KILLS 11 IN CINCINNATI

(Continued from First Page)

torn they could not be identified immediately.

Screams of adults and children, trapped in the debris, spurred emergency squads of police and firemen as they dug into the ruins. Assistant Fire Chief Chris Williams said that those who didn't die of injuries were suffocated by smoke and dust.

Apartments were occupied by the families of Frank Schnetzer, Hubert Smith, Raymond Roy and Jack Morgan.

Identified dead were: Joseph Koehbe, 33; Dora Smith, 6; Helen Schnetzer, 8, and her brother, Leonard 7.

Minor fires broke out but were quickly smothered by clouds of dust or checked by firemen using every available piece of apparatus.

"It came as a terrific 'whoosh'," reported Patrolman Tom Kaufman who was walking his beat two squares away at the time. "Then it seemed as if all hell had broken loose."

Only a pile of brick and dust remained where the twin-apartment building stood. Pieces of clothing hung grotesquely from utility wires. One pair of men's trousers was "pegged" securely to a wall by a chair-leg.

Police estimates placed the number of persons in the building at 20.

The four Roy children were among those treated for minor injuries at the hospital.

Mrs Roy said: "We live on the third floor. Before we knew it, we were in the basement. How we got there I don't know. They got me out from under a bed."

Koehbe operated a general appliance store on the first floor of the shattered building, located at Elder and Pleasant streets in the northern end of Cincinnati's downtown section. There were apartment entrances on each street.

Koehbe's body was found in basement wreckage. He was identified through cards and pictures on his person.

The body was recovered with difficulty, because of caveins of wreckage.

The injured included Raymond Roy, 36, his wife Bessie, 36, and their four children, Lawrence, 13; Robert, 11; Patsy, 2, and Donald Lee, 9, and Virginia Schnetzer, 5, and her sister, Lillian, 15.

Police reported these nine persons missing:

Frank Schnetzer, 43, his wife, Lillian, 42; their children, Carrie, 22, and Joseph, 2 1-2; Jack Morgan, 30, his wife, Bobbie, 23, and an unidentified child who neighbors said had been residing with the Morgans in recent weeks.

Safety Patrolman Henry White, who was passing the scene in his police cruiser when the blast occurred, said:

"It almost blew the car off the street."

White said the explosion "pancaked" the roof onto the ruins.

CONTINUED COLD FORECAST HERE

(Continued from First Page)

board from New York to Boston, but the weather forecast was for early clearing.

On the Pacific coast a rain storm of marked intensity swept inland from the sea, ending a cold wave but contributing to at least three accidental deaths in Southern California. Cloudy weather with rain and some snow extended from the coast to Colorado, New Mexico and extreme Western Texas.

The weather was clear from Texas eastward through the Gulf States, but temperatures tumbled as the rains ceased.

Much colder weather was reported over a wide area extending from South Dakota and Nebraska eastward to Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and over most of the region south of the Ohio river. Freezing temperatures last night pushed into Central Alabama and touched some of the western counties of Georgia.

Birmingham reported a minimum last night of 32 degrees, LaGrange, Ga., 31, Atlanta 33, Chattanooga 28, Memphis 30, St. Louis 21, Kansas City 14, Omaha 5, Valentine, Neb., zero., Huron, S. D., 4 below zero, Minneapolis 2, Milwaukee 21, Chicago 29, Detroit 27, Cleveland 27, Buffalo 29, New York 38, Pittsburgh 27 and Boston 36. New Orleans reported a low of 46 and Jacksonville 51.

Some of the world's narrowest streets are to be found in Zanzibar and Great Yarmouth.

Governor, Noe Bickering Over Patronage Promise

BATON ROUGE, Dec. 17.—(AP)—James A. Noe said after a meeting with Governor Sam Jones Monday that he wasn't "so very well pleased" at the way his followers were being treated in patronage matters.

Jones promised that all political jobs would be split 50-50 between Jones and Noe men in return for Noe's support in the gubernatorial primary. Noe is now Democratic national committeeman for Louisiana.

"We haven't been so very well pleased with what we've been getting," Noe said, "but we hope things will get better. The governor said he'd see that our people would get their share."

Said the governor: "I guess this will be going on up to 1944." Asked if the patronage matter had been settled "for the time being," Jones replied: "That's about it."

Jones and Noe leaders from New Orleans and elsewhere in the state attended yesterday's conference.

Reign Without Terror

(Continued from First Page)

not designed for it, so they are often neither well dried nor well ventilated.

And many a quarrel over beds develops among people whose nerves are strained and whose nights are, at best, too wakeful.

The qualifications of a building contractor are called into play by many things. Shelters require modifications which call for workmen, bricks, cement and steel. It is no easy task to find them. It is even less easy to have them available together.

In our case, for example, we have had to send trucks to brick factories halfway across England in order to get supplies to keep busy the bricklayers already rounded up.

Another Problem

Another construction problem is presented by the fire laws. Inspectors keep insisting that certain openings be eliminated, certain hallways provided with fire doors, certain stairways changed.

Faced with possible prosecution if he does not speedily make the adjustments, the manager finds himself unable to get from another arm of the government permission to use the essential materials. War operations take precedence.

So he writes application forms, gets affidavits, argues on telephones and talks himself blue in the face trying to solve the problem.

Then comes a bomb which smashes his windows, wrenches doors off hinges, rips off part of his roof. It is imperative that repairs be made quickly lest rain damage records, machinery and furniture. It is almost impossible again to find men and materials.

He grows gray trying.

The referee's talents become useful when one nervy and unslept employe invites another into the alley to have his block knocked off because of some fancied affront which, in calmer times, would be scarcely noticed. Persons have to be separated long enough to be convinced both are slightly abnormal and should blame such things on the war.

The confessional is always in session.

The man whose home has been smashed by a bomb weeps on his employer's shoulder.

The fellow whose wife or child or other near kin has been a casualty has to be brought around by sympathetic and fortifying words.

The chap who sees bankruptcy staring him in the face because he can no longer reach work from the home he owns and cannot afford to rent a room closer to the office brings his problem for solution.

Family Rows

There are family rows, too, born of weariness, stuffy blacked out rooms, altered rations and nerves.

Wives cry about husbands who are too huffy to come home on frightening blitz nights or start to drown their sorrows in the pubs. Husbands are thrown off their stride by hysterical outbursts at home.

That manager who can so arrange things that his employes get to work on time in spite of the uncertainties of transportation, is a transportation wizard.

Some attempt to solve this problem by adjusting hours to allow for jams, halts and tie-ups. Others hire cats with courageous drivers who have no fear of falling fragments and can skid nonchalantly round newinade craters in the streets. These cars call for and deliver those who need the help.

Some of the bigger employers have whole fleets of buses which wait for their employes at day's end and then start out, each to his district, to deliver workers at their homes before the evening's nightmare begins.

All a lawyer's argumentative ability comes into play when appeals must be made to government, which is most of the time.

This is especially true in the news gathering business. It is no longer the simple matter of saying to a reporter, "Get out to such and such a place, see what is happening there and come back with a story."

You are likely to be required to make application in writing for permission to send the reporter there. You send it by messenger and back it up by long arguments on the telephone. Often you hop into the cab and make the appeal in person.

If you are good, the employe goes on his job and brings back his story whereupon you have to begin entirely new series of appeals to censorship to prove it is safe to use the story.

All employers must do a deal of arguing to save from military levies the minimum essentials of a trained staff, even when their business is very important to the war effort.

Must Use Pull

And arguments alone do not win. You frequently have to bring pressure to bear by enlisting persons prominent elsewhere in the government in your cause. You use what pull, what influence and what fear of supporters you can conjure up in order to win the point, in fact all the devices of a professional politician.

Fortunate is the manager who has had army experience. The A R P unit of his own plant or building is a little army in itself, dedicated to watchfulness, to the disposal of incendiary bombs, the organization of stretcher, demolition and rescue parties.

Not until does he have control this force, but he is required by law to keep a fire watch at all hours and he must maintain roof watchers equipped with electric sirens to give the alarm when flaming objects not enough to burn on the building.

A fourth war organization is that of his shelter wardens, who maintain order underground when raids are on, and at the same time attend to those who may be sick or injured in the shelters during.

The manager is a servant of the state in the matter of the safety of the plant.

Beyond these things he has nothing to do but the things a manager would have to do in America except he must fill out a ton of forms for priorities and new deals and keep his books and income tax from the excess profits tax and the war risk and unemployment insurance people on one side, the salary and status of employes and damage done to the plant.

GOVERNOR SUGGESTS GAMBLERS CLOSE UP

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Governor Paul Johnson late Monday "suggested" that gamblers in DeSoto county at the Tennessee-Mississippi border close up shop, and added significantly that he has "never yet broken my oath to uphold and enforce the law."

DeSoto county has been named in word and by public highway signboards erected by Tennessee officials, of harboring vice dens and gambling halls with the full knowledge of Sheriff E. S. Baxter.

Governor Johnson said Sheriff Baxter will be given "plenty of time to take action, when and if he is convinced of violations in his county.

"I will cooperate with Sheriff Baxter 100 per cent in maintaining law and order," the governor said, adding that the executive office has had no request for participation in the DeSoto controversy. "If such a request is made, assistance will be immediately furnished to the sheriff," the governor concluded.

ANTI-CRIME COCKTAIL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sam Hutcher's special anti-crime cocktail—champagne, whisky and ginger ale just thrown together—sent a robber to jail. Two bandits held up Hutcher and his daughter in their liquor store. As the robbers fled, Hutcher started "mixing" his potent potion. With a bottle of champagne, he scored a direct hit on one thug's head. A bottle of whisky plunked in the second robber's back, causing him to drop most of the loot. His daughter scored hit No. 3 with a ginger ale magnum. One robber was captured later when he sought treatment for the scalp wound caused by the champagne bottle—one of the few headaches ever caused by liquor before instead of after drinking.

BRITISH AIMING AT LIBYA BASE

(Continued from First Page)

tween Bardia and Tobruk, farther west.

These armored units were subjected to dive-bombing attacks by Italian planes.

Italian General Berdi is in command at Bardia and General Bergonzoli, whom the British have dubbed "General Electric Whiskers," also was reported there, issuing exhortations to the Fascist troops. General Bergonzoli is said to be popular with his men and is known for his ability to rouse them with stirring words.

In their advance toward Libya, British columns moves along a splendid road the Italians built from the Libyan frontier to Sidi Barrani during their three months of occupation of the region.

The Italians named it Via Vittoria Victory Way—and over it they had hoped to march into all of Egypt. They erected along it several monuments to Mussolini and the triumph of their occupation.

A marker at Sidi Barrani, where the new road joins the road to Alexandria, bears the inscription: "Despite sand and winds and the insidiousness of the enemy, this road linking the sands of Egypt with those of Libya has been constructed."

The armored brigade which intercepted the Cantoni division here came across the desert on the escarpment to the south, then cut northward to Buqbuq on the coast.

It encountered considerable opposition from Italian outposts on the way but reduced them and got here in two days.

Italian military maps of Egypt found here, charted the topography only 10 miles inland from the coast. Apparently the Fascists did not consider the more difficult inland desert as a potential battlefield, which may explain their surprise when the British came from there.

In almost every encounter of the offensive up to now, the British were outnumbered at least four to one British officers said.

But in no case, the same men said, have the Italians successfully resisted the British. Of the five divisions which invaded Egypt it appears now that only one got out complete, while another got most of its men out but lost most of its material, British officers said.

WAR BULLETINS

(Continued from First Page)

spy for Germany, the British home office announced today.

His name was given as Charles Albert Van Den Kieboom, said to have been born at Takarumuka, Japan, September 6, 1914.

The announcement said he was tried at the same time as two others executed as German agents December 10, and had been associated with them.

Those executed December 10 were identified at that time as Jose Waldeberg, 25, German citizen, and Karl Meier, 24, a Netherlands subject.

SKIRMISH REPORTED

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—(AP)—German speed boats fought a short skirmish with a superior force of British destroyers in the western waters of the English Channel Sunday night, informed quarters reported today.

The skirmish ended when the British vessels drew out of sight of the Nazi craft, which returned to their bases safely, it was said.

'FOOLISH' PROPAGANDA

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—(AP)—British "propaganda" about developments of the war in Greece and northern Africa was described as "foolish" today in German quarters, which said the British accounts were completely out of proportion to the "limited military importance of local successes over Italian troops."

COMMUNAL FEEDING

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Food Minister Lord Woolton said today only 10 cities and towns in Britain had provided for communal feeding in event of heavy bombing, and urged others to speed preparations to care for civilians forced to leave damaged homes.

"We have the food in the areas," he said. "We have gone to infinite trouble to see that no place shall starve. All I am asking local authorities to do is to arrange to cook it. They want only the necessary premises with two sorts of fuel—coal and oil. They cannot rely on gas and electricity."

DEMOBILIZE ARMY CLASS

VICHY, France, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Chief of State Philippe Petain announced today the French army class of 1938 would be demobilized progressively beginning December 20.

Fathers will be the first discharged.

TURKEY PRICES

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The [illegible]

ARCTIC BLAST AIDS AIRMEN ON TESTS

FAIRBANK[illegible]

OFFICIAL IN TEXAS DIES IN HOSPITAL

COLEMAN[illegible]

CARDINAL COLLEGE WILL GREET POPE

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Vatican City officials announced today the college of cardinals would extend personal Christmas greetings to Pope Pius XII at a special audience at 10 a.m. (4 a.m. CST) December 24.

It was believed the Vatican radio would broadcast a speech by the pontiff in Italian at that time.

RONALD'S ACCIDENTS ARE VERY REGULAR

DUNKIRK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—[illegible]

BODY ORGANIZED TO BATTLE WAR

(Continued from First Page)

was carefully created during the war period preceding our declaration of hostilities, in April, 1917.

"In a large measure, the success of the White committee is due to the lack of opposition to its efforts. The masses of people who are extremely fearful of their country's catastrophic involvement in the current phase of Europe's incessant warfare have had no voice with a national audience.

"It is the purpose of the No Foreign War Committee to provide that voice, to give articulation to the hopes and prayers of those innumerable millions of Americans who know that if they are dragged once again into the economic and political conflicts of the Old World, only complete world chaos can result."

The statement issued by the committee said:

"For several months Armstrong has been laying the ground work for the no foreign war campaign. He has enlisted the cooperation of religious, peace, business, civic and other groups with an aggregate membership, he says, of about 25,000,000 people. A committee representing these groups met in New York Sunday evening and Monday.

"The selection of Marshall, Armstrong and Lancaster as executives of the committee, who will conduct the drive against the physical entanglement of the United States in foreign wars, was confirmed at the committee sessions.

"It was made plain that the no foreign war campaign will start with the premise that the United States should not have any foreign [illegible]

COMMON BELIEF ON EYES FALSE

[illegible]

DEATHS

J. T. WAINWRIGHT

BERNICE, Dec. 17.—(Special)—Funeral services for J. T. Wainwright, 73, prominent pioneer citizen here, who died Monday morning at his home following an illness of several years, were held at the Bernice Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon with Rev. L. A. New, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in the city cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Jesse Grafton Wainwright; three sons, Dr. J. A. Wainwright, Farmerville, Dr. L. L. Wainwright, Junction City, and Tom Wainwright, Vernon; three daughters, Mrs. Garden Thompson, Shreveport, Mrs. John K. Kennedy, Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. H. C. Miller, Bernice.

Arrangements are in charge of the Kilpatrick Funeral Home.

DEADLINE IS SET ON FUND LETTERS

(Continued from First Page)

we feel there are many unfortunate ones in our midst who will otherwise have little happiness.

"It is our understanding that the distribution of food baskets is assigned to the Salvation Army. It is the hope of our club that this fund might also be used and distributed by this organization in some manner which might be the most practical for your committee and the Salvation Army representatives.

"With best wishes for unusual success in your fine undertaking and with assurances of our appreciation of your efforts."

There is much work to be done to take care of the appeals the Good Fellows fund has received. Committee[illegible]

RAY MILLAND • CLAUDETTE COLBERT

LAST TIMES TODAY

Arise MY LOVE

LAST TIMES TODAY

SHOW STARTS AT NOON EVERY DAY

PARAMOUNT

Phone 1567 — 10c-25c Before 6; 10c-25c-40c After 6

WED.-THURS.-FRI. • REGULAR PRICES • NO ADVANCE

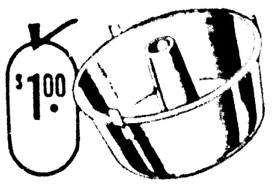
— YOUR ADDED ENTERTAINMENT —

"Snow Man"—Terry Toon Cartoon; "River Thames"—in Glorious Color

— GALA MIDNIGHT SHOW SAT. —

"Tin Pan Alley" with Alice Faye, Betty Grable, Jack Oakie, John Payne

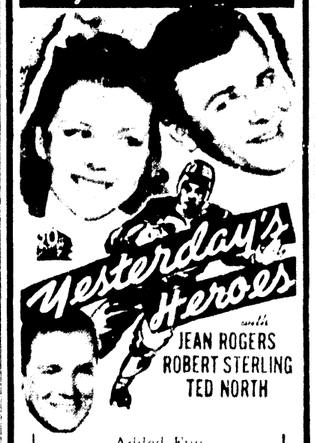
WEAREVER ALUMINUM



TUBE CAKE PAN
13-egg, or party size. For angel food, sponge cake, etc.
HOUSEWARES SHOP
DURRETT'S
117 St. John Monroe

STEELE & BRUCE PLUMBING CO.
Phone 1371 and 720
R. W. STEELE of Monroe —and— W. L. BRUCE West Monroe
Have united and will be known as Steele & Bruce Plumbing Co. Each have had over 30 years' experience operating their own shops in other towns.
We, As One Shop, Will Be Able to Render Prompt Service and Give Satisfaction
CALL US WHEN YOU NEED A PLUMBER

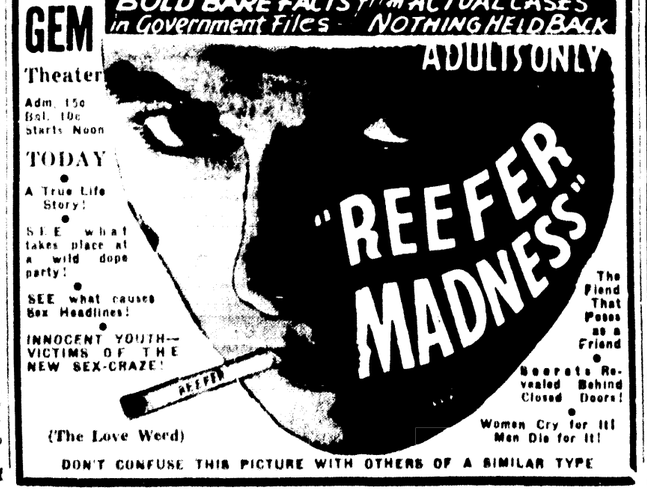
Admission—10c-75c till 6 P.M.
CAPITOL
PHONE — 1705
TODAY
Pursued BY CO-EDS...
Idolized BY MILLIONS!



with JEAN ROGERS ROBERT STERLING TED NORTH
— Added Fun —
Comedy "Winner Lose All"
Latest News
WEDNESDAY
James CAGNEY Ann SHERIDAN
Warner Bros. Picture
CITY FOR CONQUEST

FRANK CRAVEN DONALD CRISP
THURSDAY
EDWARD G. ROBINSON in A DISPATCH FROM REUTER'S
with DONA BEST and SIDNEY ALBERT

Held Over by Popular Request of a Record-Breaking Audience—This Sensational Film Will Be Shown One More Day—Come Early and Avoid Waiting in Line
GEM Theater
Adm. 15c Bal. 10c starts Noon
TODAY
A True Life Story!
SEE what takes place at a wild dope party!
SEE what causes Sex Headlines!
INNOCENT YOUTH—VICTIMS OF THE NEW SEX-CRAZE!
BOLD BARE FACTS from ACTUAL CASES in Government Files NOTHING HELD BACK
ADULTS ONLY



The Fiend That Poses as a Friend
Secrets Revealed Behind Closed Doors!
Women Cry for It! Men Die for It!
(The Love Weed)
DON'T CONFUSE THIS PICTURE WITH OTHERS OF A SIMILAR TYPE

SUBWAY WORK PUSHED AHEAD

More Than 80 Per Cent Of Chicago Project Is Completed Now

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Engineers and sandhogs who two years ago today began digging in a mighty match of men against mud have completed more than 80 per cent of Chicago's $57,000,000 subway.

An underground army which now has a daily roster of 2,800 men has moved 2,000,000 cubic yards of excavated material, installed 500,000 cubic yards of concrete and handled eight tons of dynamite without a major accident.

Subway Commissioner Philip Harrington said that although there have been eight fatalities on the entire subway job it is an undertaking with "an exceptional safety record." Two men were electrocuted in one accident, the other deaths coming singly. There have been no serious cave-ins or other mass disaster type of accident.

Since Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes dug the first dirt with a silver spade two years ago, the project has been increased in overall cost from an original rough figure of $40,000,000 to $57,400,000 and its total mileage of double tube increased from 7.7 to 8.75 miles. Federal grants of PWA money total $23,150,000.

An extension to the Dearborn street subway was added, on the blueprints, since work started. The plans also were changed to lengthen out the inclined connections with the elevated at both the north and south ends of the State street subway and north end of the Dearborn street tube.

Nevertheless, Harrington said the construction deadline remains at June 30, 1941. When trains will start to run in the subway is another question, however, because politicians, utility engineers, lawyers and financial experts are still deeply entangled in efforts to work out a traction unification plan.

Subway engineers said that to date 71,135 feet of single tube have been mined, constituting 83.4 per cent of the total mileage.

Twenty-nine subway stations are spotted on the blueprints. Basic construction has been finished on two of them. Harrington said that as work steps up on the station construction the total of men at work daily may reach 5,000.

REPORTER BEANS BOSS

It's news, whether Reporter Claudette Colbert bites or beans her boss Walter Abel, in "Arise, My Love," playing for the last times now at the Paramount theater. Ray Milland plays the lover in the lead with Claudette.

PLAN HONORS FOR DUPREE BOY

Youth From Sterlington Credited With Saving Young Companion

Fred Dupree, Jr., 17 year old Sterlington youth who saved the life of a hunting companion will be honored at the general safety meeting of the entire Monroe district of United Gas Pipe Line company in the company safety house here December 18, according to J. G. Hicks, district manager.

Fred has been a safety enthusiast for several years and when a shot gun charge amputated the arm of Russell Slade, 13, he took prompt action to stay the flow of blood until medical attention could be secured.

Fred Dupree, Sr., an employe of United Gas Pipe Line company, gave the boy his first lessons in first aid and as he grew more proficient Fred Jr., often practiced with the company's crack first aid team at the Sterlington, La., compressor station and attended the company safety meetings.

Ivy L. Slade, father of the injured boy, stated in an interview early this week, "both my wife and myself are deeply grateful to young Dupree and we wish that all should know that it was the efforts of this fine young man that saved the life of our son."

Another United son who had a supplementary part in the accident will be accorded recognition, Hoyt Manning, son of M. F. Moncrief, chief dispatcher, came upon the boys shortly after the accident and rode his horse to the nearest telephone where he called for medical assistance.

LONG WORKER GUILTY OF SLUGGING WOMAN

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Rosario Difatta, a precinct political captain, was convicted in district court Monday of assault and battery on Mrs. Nell Roberts during the first gubernatorial primary January 16. Imposition of sentence was deferred until Friday.

Mrs. Roberts, an official watcher for the Sam Jones' faction, said Difatta pushed her and she fell to the floor in a polling booth. Difatta, adherent of the Earl K. Long faction, denied the charge.

The War Today

By DeWitt MacKenzie
Associated Press Foreign Affairs Writer

Fuehrer Hitler would appear all unexpectedly to have encountered a tartar in the person of France's aged but agile dictator, Marshal Petain, who is trying to lead his people out of the wilderness of defeat.

The supposedly tractable old soldier suddenly has invited German ire by his blistering ousting of Vice-Premier Laval, his right-hand man and heir to his office as chief of state.

This sensational move is said to have been coincident with a refusal by the national to allow Nazi troops to pass through French ports to the aid of Mussolini's hard-pressed forces in Libya and Albania. Laval reportedly acted as intermediary for the German regime.

Now Nazi Fuehrer Otto Abetz is in Vichy with a brass guard of S.S. police officers to investigate a situation which and find another Petain attitude means that to all intents of operation with Hitler. Should Abetz discover this to be the case the Fuehrer's answer to Petain may be the military occupation of all France and the ousting of the aged marshal by a Franco-German puppet government.

But [illegible] Petain [illegible] Laval [illegible] Petain [illegible] Laval [illegible] Petain [illegible] Laval

SOCIETY

EVE C. BRADFORD, Society Editor
Office Phone 4300 Res. Phone 1404

Young Artist Charms Monroe Music Lovers

Brilliant Concert Enjoyed By Members Of Civic Music Association Monday Night

Ania Dorfmann, a beautiful Russian girl with a magnetic personality and wearing a distinctive evening model of black moire taffeta with bouffant skirt and tight fitting basque with a handsome jeweled clip, charmed Monroe's music world with some of the best piano music ever enjoyed by members of the Civic Music Association.

The concert Monday night at Northeast Junior College auditorium, under the auspices of the Civic Music Association, was one long to be remembered from a standpoint of artistry and brilliancy.

Miss Dorfmann impressed her enthusiastic audience with the dramatic quality of her playing and the masterful manner in which she presented every number on the evening's program. The most masterful of all, perhaps, was Valse Impromptu, by Franz Liszt. This number was rendered with spectacular ease. It had everything one could ask for technically and interpretatively.

A group of Chopin numbers, Allegro maestoso, Largo, Presto non tanto and Scherzo, were exquisitely rendered. The music had a subtle beauty and the rhythms were infectious. In these particular numbers, the player seemed to manifest a strong sympathy for the works she performed.

The B minor Sonata has long been the battleground for critics, for in it Chopin again disregarded the strict sonata form. It was composed in 1844 and was dedicated to the Mme. la Comtesse E. de Perthuis.

In the Allegro maestoso the first theme has symphonic qualities and the development is highly ornamented with a profusion of themes and a wealth of detail. The second theme in D major is a beautiful, tender and dreamy cantilena. The Scherzo has restrained perfection. The Largo in B major is a lied in the usual form with its opening theme possessing a decided Italian character. The Finale, in rondo form, is one of the touchstones of piano virtuosity; from beginning to end, it is one mad whirl of sound. It is considered to be the most difficult technically of all of Chopin's compositions.

A few in the audience found, "Dei Fledermaus," by Strauss, to be the most engaging number of the evening. In this number Miss Dorfmann displayed verve, assurance and great clarity of detail.

At the close of the program, including several encores, graciously given, there was no doubting the fervor and incisiveness of Miss Dorfmann's musicianship.

A writer in Mademoiselle, Kate Sproehnle, best describes Miss Dorfmann. She says:

"Ania now is about two-thirds as large as you would expect a pianist of her power to be. Her face is charmingly modelled, her figure is enviable and she takes a gratifying size twelve. Her clothes are simple and smart—she looks the way Frenchwomen used to look in those happy days when they could count on mirrors. Her brown hair is brushed up in a winglike manner from earringed ears; her blue eyes have a steadfast, appealing quality which together with the softness of her voice and the quality of her bearing makes people enormously anxious to treat her as a pet. Her friend, Dorothy Thompson, in a column describing the twenty people she would like most to have at a party, said 'The concert pianist Ania Dorfmann can come to any party I ever give. She is feminine, warm, appreciative and that rarest of things, a concert pianist who really likes to play the piano—if she likes the party. She plays like an angel and you can get her away from the piano too, when conversation picks up again after a charming interlude.'

"However, having your friends love you like an angel (when you get to know Ania,' said someone, 'you almost feel a sense of guilt if you don't take care of her') doesn't get you jobs playing with the best orchestras and the most brilliant conductors of your time. Neither does it get you a tour like the country-wide series of twenty-five concerts on which Ania is embarking this winter."

Thompson Wood Lee Auxiliary No. 10, United Spanish War Veterans, met in the lodge rooms for the regular monthly meeting and the annual election of officers for 1941, the president, Mrs. Stella Courtney, presiding.

The Auxiliary is to be congratulated upon having Mrs. Minnie Mangham as its new president. She is well versed in the work, having served as president several years ago and has also held several high offices in the Louisiana Department, U. S. W. V. Auxiliary. She was a delegate from the department this year to the national convention held in Detroit, Mich., August 18-24.

Reports from various committees were given and plans for a Christmas tree and party on December 20 were formulated.

A donation to the Good Fellows fund was decided on and a report was also made of a donation sent to veterans in the hospital in Alexandria.

The following officers were elected to serve in 1941:

Mrs. Minnie Mangham, president; Mrs. Eula Morgan, senior vice-president; Mrs. Leita May Davis, junior vice-president; Mrs. Mary Hood, chaplain; Mrs. Georgia Kelley, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Alma McKee, historian; Mrs. Evie Johnson, conductor; Mrs. Beatrice Harper, assistant conductor; Mrs. Stella Ross, guard; Mrs. Clara B. Mouron, assistant guard; Mrs. Mamie Ross, musician; Mrs. Stella Courtney, secretary; Mrs. Mamie C. Arnette, treasurer.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Ouachita Parish Medical Society held its monthly luncheon and business meeting on Thursday, December 12 at the Lotus Club with Mrs. A. G. McHenry, Mrs. Leon Titche, Mrs. D. T. Hush, Mrs. Glenn Gallaspy, and Mrs. F. J. Willey, hostesses.

The luncheon table was aglow with color with a flaring basket overflowing with fruit, forming the central decor.

Mrs. A. D. Tisdale, presiding over the program, presented the guest of honor, Mrs. Roy Carl Young of Covington, state president of the Auxiliary, and her sister, Mrs. C. T. Law of Shreveport.

Mrs. Young gave an interesting talk followed by a general discussion.

Those present were Mrs. D. M. Moore, Mrs. W. L. Bendel, Mrs. Walter Holloman, Mrs. C. U. Johnson, Mrs. DeWitt Milam, Mrs. A. G. McHenry, Mrs. J. Q. Graves, Mrs. Glenn Gallaspy, Mrs. C. B. Flinn, Mrs. J. W. Cummins, Mrs. H. V. Collins, Mrs. J. P. Brown, Mrs. R. W. O'Donnell, Mrs. A. L. Peters, Mrs. John Pigeher, Mrs. F. P. Rizzo, Mrs. R. M. Simonton, Mrs. A. D. Tisdale, Mrs. Irving Wolff and Mrs. Roy Young, and Mrs. C. T. Law.

Mrs. Travis Oliver entertained members of her Monday bridge tournament at her home on Riverside. The tables were grouped around the fireplace where the mantel was adorned with a mound of gold, silver, crimson and green. Christmas baubles placed in the midst of silver fern fronds.

At the conclusion of the games a confectionery course and coffee was served to Mrs. Arthur Drohan, Mrs. Carl McHenry, Mrs. R. C. Major, Jr., Mrs. James A. Noe, Mrs. William Bernuel, Mrs. Frederick Millsaps and Miss Eve Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crawford announce the arrival of a son, Richard Fredric, on December 11. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Copeland of Choudrant, and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Avant of Downsville. Mrs. Crawford was formerly Miss Mozelle Copeland of Choudrant.

Dr. and Mrs. Elroy Scruggs of Paris, Tenn., are spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Lorenzo Smith, and Mr. Smith. Dr. and Mrs. Scruggs will attend the Little Theater performance, "Inspector General," presented tonight under the direction of Mr. Smith at Northeast Junior College auditorium.

Friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Roger White is a patient in St. Francis Sanitarium.

Louis P. Milner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Milner, Park avenue, will arrive home on Saturday from New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, N. M., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Lieutenant Colonel Bridger Thornhill spent the week-end in Monroe with Mrs. Thornhill. He was en route from Camp Beauregard, Alexandria, to Camp Blanding, near Jacksonville, Fla. Garland Shell and Walter Lee Hill, both members of Lieutenant Colonel Thornhill's regiment, were also week-end visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hair, Jr., of Houston, Tex., are the holiday guests of Mrs. George Hair, Sr.

Mrs. Paul Jones, director of music at the Clarks Baptist church, will present a special Christmas program of sacred music and readings, at the church on Sunday evening, December 22.

Mrs. Claiton Miller and Mrs. Mary Ferree will be the soloists. Twenty young girls will sing choral numbers and six others will give dramatic readings. Red candles will be lighted by six altar girls. A prelude of organ and piano music, a processional and a recessional, will be a feature of the program.

Thomas Sullivan, Jr., arrived home the first of the week from Puerto Rico, where he enjoyed a two weeks' visit with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Hancock, who have been making their home in Puerto Rico for the past several months. Mr. Sullivan was graduated recently from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge, with a doctor of science degree. He will leave immediately after Christmas for St. Louis, where he has accepted a lucrative position with the Shell Oil Company.

Marian Smith, who is making her home this winter with her grandmother, Mrs. Birdie Holmes, of Memphis, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zell Smith.

June Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Knight, is suffering from a broken limb as the result of an accident last week.

Lory M. Frey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lory Frey of West Monroe, will arrive home Saturday from New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, New Mexico, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Rainbows may sometimes be seen all day long in Siberia, due to the reflection of the sun on fine particles of snow in the air.

Who Killed Aunt Maggie?

By MEDORA FIELD

YESTERDAY. All the guests at Bill and Sally's housepatty have passed a bad night, shut in by storm and horrified by the mysterious murder of Aunt Maggie. Now Andrew, the butler, has started to walk to town for help, all the cars having been made useless during the night. Sally is convinced that the crime had something to do with the secret room supposed to be in the house, and further, that the murderer is not far away.

Chapter 17

Baffling Clue

"THEN she didn't know? Did you ever help her to look for it, Thomas?" It seemed hopeless, but I kept trying.

Thomas looked really embarrassed this time and stuttered and finally came out with, "Well, no'm; that is, not exactly."

"What do you mean, not exactly?"

"Well, Miss Sally, ma'am, sometimes I sort of looked for it myself, seein' as how anxious yo' gran'ma was to find it."

"Did you have any luck?"

"No'm I didn't have a bit of luck."

"Thomas," I then asked, "have you seen any questionable characters around the place lately?"

"Well, Miss Sally, you know they's been some carpenters and folks like that around. I seen them when I come over here to sort of look over the grounds. 'Course them mer Mr. Bill hired to fix that bad place in the road been here, but they ain't work on Saturday. And them carpenters been gone a week, ain't they?"

"But have you seen anyone else, Thomas? Anyone who didn't look as though he should be here?"

"No'm, not exactly. I seen a man yesterday, but he went off pretty soon, I reckon. I ain't studyin' much about it, 'cause Andrew done say you all was comin' out and bringin' company."

"What time was this, Andrew?"

"I disremember exactly, Miss Sally, but it was after I eat my dinner. I come to tell Andrew Lindy done but I look around and don't see no cars and I reckon Andrew gone to the store."

"You didn't see anybody around here later in the afternoon or evening, Thomas?"

But if I had hoped to trip Thomas, I failed miserably. He looked at me with a puzzled frown. "But, Miss Sally, you all was here last night. I wouldn't a thought nothin' 'bout seein' nobody here then."

"All right, Thomas," I said, giving up, "the reason I am asking you this is because something dreadful has happened, and we have all got to work together to get to the bottom of it. Miss Maggie was killed last night."

Bessie, who had kept in the background with utmost difficulty, now came forward to supply the gruesome details and I left them together in the kitchen. As I passed through the butler's pantry to the dining room, the buzzer sounded and I saw that the call had come from Alice's room. This brought my mind back to the scrap of silk on the stairway.

"I'll take Miss Alice's coffee," I told Bessie.

But here again my sleuthing was to meet with no success. The first thing I saw on entering Alice's room was her quilted robe thrown over the foot of the bed and, even without comparing room, I knew that my sample was of a much deeper shade.

Like Bill, Alice looked rather the worse for wear. More than that, she had a sort of hunted look in her eyes, as though still nervous from her experience of the night before. Her hands shook so that she spilled more of the coffee than she drank, and I decided it was not just the time to tell her that Bill had had a run-in with her ghost.

Red Comforter

SOUNDS of splashing in the bataroom indicated that Claire was up and about, and I remembered that she had spent the latter portion of the night in the room with Alice.

"Sorry I just brought coffee for one," I called. "I'll ring for more right away."

"Never mind," she called back, the lilt in her voice agreeable as always. "I'll dress and go down."

In a few moments more, rosy and fragrant from the bath, Claire herself appeared, trailing her jade-green negligee. Now her concern was all for Alice and me. "Brace up, old dear," she told Alice. "We'll be taking you home in a little while now." And, "Sally, it is all so dreadful for you, I know. I almost feel as though I were responsible. The party was my idea, you know."

While I knew Bill would agree with this wholeheartedly, I said she wasn't to feel that way for a moment. "Are you sure you don't want to rest a while and have your breakfast sent up?" I asked.

"Oh, no, I'm coming down. Really, I think it would be much better for Alice if she would get up too."

I left them to settle that question between them and when I was back in the kitchen I dug the bit of silk from my pocket. "Bessie, here's a scrap of cloth I found on the stairs. Have you any idea where it would have come from?"

"How come they any trash on them stairs?" Bessie demanded, instantly on the defensive. "Andrew say he clean 'em up good."

"But look at this," I said. "And these funny little feathery wisps sticking to it."

Bessie wiped her hands on a kitchen towel and took the scrap between her fingers judiciously. "Miss Sally, don't you know what this is?"

Something about Bessie's tone warned me that I was not going to like knowing what it was. "What is it?" I asked reluctantly.

"It's a piece tore out of that new comforter we brought out for Miss Maggie's room. How come somebody tearing up Miss Maggie's comforter?"

How come, indeed?

And yet, of course, an eiderdown puff might have a piece torn out and the explanation still be simple and logical.

"Andrew took it up to Miss Maggie's room still wrapped up and put it on her bed," Bessie recalled.

I remembered seeing it there, on the foot of the big four-poster, when we made our search of the house after Aunt Maggie's death.

I went up to the third floor to take another look. But the down puff was not there now. Nor could I find it in any of the other rooms on that floor. I could not find it anywhere.

No Alibis

ON THE way down from Aunt Maggie's room, I stopped on the second floor for a moment and, in passing, noticed that the doors of the rooms occupied by Bob and Kirk were both open. I decided to look in and see if by any chance one of them might have gone foraging for additional cover in the night.

There was no sign of it in either room, but in the bathroom I got quite a start at the sight of a piece of green wrapping paper lying on the floor. But the paper had no torn edges and from the creases I gathered that it was still the original size required for wrapping whatever it had inclosed.

No great amount of detecting was required to decide that it had been dropped there by Bob, for his room was in more or less of a state, while Kirk's reflected the military neatness he had learned in boarding school.

In the downstairs hall again I could hear Bob and Kirk talking in the dining room. As I came nearer the door, Kirk said, "I am afraid this is much more serious than any of us has admitted."

I frankly stopped to listen, for I knew that my entrance would put an end to the conversation and I was curious to know their actual views.

"Why do you say that?" Bob inquired.

"Well, for one thing," Kirk continued, "there were no witnesses to the murder. And for another, not one of us has an alibi. Murder is bad enough, in any case, but think what a mess it will be if the police start trying to prove each one of us guilty. That is no doubt the line they will take."

"I don't see why they should assume any of us guilty," argued Bob. "The thing that seems most likely to me is that—that it was done by somebody on the outside. Maybe somebody who broke in for the purpose of holding up the place. Aunt Maggie threatened to scream and he choked her to death. Then, overcome with the fact that he has committed murder, he gives up any thought of robbery and makes his escape, first seeing to it that there is no possibility of pursuit."

"That seems logical enough," Kirk admitted. "But the police are going to want to hang it onto somebody. And after all, you'll have to admit your theory is a little far-fetched. Almost nobody knew we were to be here, and even if anybody had, what would a holdup yield, except perhaps some family silver that has been unmolested for a hundred years or so? Of course, the girls have some jewelry, but I'll don't believe it would have inspired a planned holdup."

Aunt Maggie's pearls are rather nice, but to save my life I could not remember whether she had worn them at dinner or not. Certainly there had been no trace of them when we found her in the passage, and I had not thought to raise the question.

"It seems to me," Bob was saying, "that one of the first requirements in proving guilt is to establish a motive. I still can't see what motive could be ascribed to any one of us. Love and money are supposed to be two favorite motives in such cases. Can you make either of them fit?"

Going on to the kitchen through the breakfast room, which incidentally we were not using for breakfast, I asked Bessie if she knew where Bill had disappeared to. "He out with Thomas," she told me, "helping him lay planks on the road, so the cars can come through."

"Well, tell him I'm in the study on the third floor when he comes in, please."

To be continued

(Copyright, 1940, Medora Field Peterson)

Today's Pattern

SUCH A PRETTY APRON FROCK!

PATTERN 8787

Slim size 12's, stately size 48's, and everybody in between, will rejoice in the comfort and charm of this practical home frock! It's easy to make, easy to put on, and easy to work in. The back-tied sash belts make it look slim and trim at the waistline, but leave you perfect freedom for all the reaching, stooping and stretching that housework involves. The bodice is gathered onto smooth shoulder pieces, and has sufficient fulness at the waistline for comfort. And you'll find that slightly heart-shaped neckline much more becoming than a straight square is. It looks well on everybody.

Make this dress of polka dot percale, checked gingham, plain chambray or striped seersucker, in cheerful colors for dark winter days, and trim with double row of ricrac braid.

Pattern No. 8787 is designed for sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20; 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 14 requires 4⅛ yards of 36-inch material and 7½ yards of ricrac to trim.

For a PATTERN of this attractive model send 15c IN COIN, YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, STYLE, NUMBER and SIZE to News-Star World Today's Pattern Service, 1150 6th Ave., New York, N. Y.

Our new Spring Fashion Book will be ready in TWO WEEKS! Send for your copy now, be among the first to receive it. Newest of styles by our Fashion designer. Full of sparkling new patterns for every member of the family. So easy to make that even beginners will enjoy making them.

Pattern, 15c. Pattern Book, 15c. One Pattern and Pattern Book ordered together, 25c.

Coming Events

Wednesday

The Business and Professional Girls' club of the Y. W. C. A. will meet at 6:30 in the Y. W. C. A. for their Christmas program and Christmas tree.

Meeting of the Welcome Bridge Bunco club will meet at the home of Mrs. E. Everett Lee, 501 Arthur avenue. Mrs. Harry Moore and Mrs. Jack Mayo will be hostesses.

Miss Clara Virginia Terry will entertain with a buffet supper complimentary to Miss Dorothy Mae Sherrouse at her home.

Mrs. F. F. Magee will entertain the Mutual Interest club with Christmas party at her home, 230 Lamar, 4 p.m.

Meeting of the Pi Phi Jr. Patronage club with Miss J. L. Brooks, 2 p.m.

Thursday

Meeting of the Readers' Circle at the home of Mrs. Burl Hollis, 500 Harrison street, 2:30 p.m.

Ouachita Parish P.-T. A. regular meeting at the Ouachita Parish High school, 4 p.m. Girls' club will sponsor the program and present a play.

Eve Ann club annual banquet at the Frances hotel, 8 p.m.

Meeting of Ouachita Parish P.-T. A. High school auditorium, 4 p.m.

Miss Rebecca Bledsoe will entertain with a dancing party for Miss Dorothy Mae Sherrouse.

Meeting of Georgia Tucker P.-T. A., 2:15 p.m.

Friday

Christmas tree party at the Rose school of dancing studio for members of the dancing classes, 7:30 p.m.

Louise L. McGuire Benevolent club Christmas banquet, Masonic Temple. All members invited, 6 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sherrouse host at a supper party for Sherrouse-Gear wedding party.

Christmas tree party, Thompson Wood Lee auxiliary United Spanish War Veterans, 109½ South Grand street, 7:30 p.m.

Altruism Book club Christmas party at McGuire clubhouse. Mrs. Stanley Blower, Mrs. R. B. Henry and Mrs. Herbert Steed, hostesses, 3:45 p.m.

Miss Armantine Renaud will entertain her dance pupils with annual studio Christmas tree party, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Engstrom will entertain with a Christmas dancing party in the Mirror room of the Frances hotel, 9 p.m.

Wedding of Miss Dorothy Maye Sherrouse and George Adrian Gear in the Crystal ballroom, Virginia hotel.

Mrs. Leta Gilbert, Mrs. W. E. Gilbert, Mrs. Lonnie Calhoun, Jr., Mrs. Lonnie Calhoun, Sr., will entertain at breakfast at the Virginia hotel for the Sherrouse-Gear wedding party, 11 a.m.

Monday

Beta Delta's annual Christmas banquet, Frances Hotel, 7 p.m. For reservation call 949.

Beta Delta's annual Christmas dance, Frances Hotel, Cherokee Terrace, 10-2. All fraternity and sorority members invited through this medium.

LANDLORD HELPS

HELSINKI—(AP)—To help soldiers who returned from war to find their families in debt, the government has fostered a rent-paying scheme under which the landlord assumes one-third of rentals, the soldier one-third if he can, and the government the remainder.

Tallulah

The December meeting of the Tallulah Book club was held at the home of Mrs. R. T. Campbell, Jr., on Thursday afternoon, December 12, at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. R. S. Gaar, president, presided over the business session of the meeting.

Mrs. D. W. Pierce, Jr., reviewed the book, "Mrs. Appleyard's Year," by Mrs. F. E. Bradshaw. Mrs. Appleyard is a charming character who lives in the country and writes delightful articles on Christmas observance from ancient times until the present. She painted realistic and beautiful word pictures of Christmas of her childhood on the old plantation and the influence upon family life.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bledsoe had as recent guests Mrs. E. M. Eagle of Memphis, Mrs. I. A. Gibson, Mrs. E. W. Rust and Mrs. I. C. Barnaby of Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. W. L. Robertson sang "Ave Maria" and the group joined in singing Christmas carols. The exchange of gifts from the gorgeous Christmas tree in the reception hall, by means of matching duplicate Christmas greeting cards was an interesting feature of the social hour. The hostesses, Mrs. T. P. Kell, Mrs. A. J. Sevier, Mrs. J. M. Frasier and Mrs. Murphy served a delicious and attractive plate to the fifty members and guests.

Mrs. George Eggleston is ill at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Massey were recent visitors to Baton Rouge.

Ray Radford gave an interesting talk on "The Theater" at a recent meeting of the Dramatic club at the Tallulah High school. The club has begun work on a play, "The Young Imp," which will be presented in the auditorium at an early date. Miss Jessie Mae Yerger is directing the rehearsals.

Little Edward Adams of Clayton is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. A. E. Adams here.

Mrs. Katie Darnado of New Orleans was a week-end guest of her cousin, A. H. Willett, and Mrs. Willett.

Miss Katherine Ward was a recent bridge hostess entertaining the members of her club. The high score prize was won by Mrs. Albert Sherwin. At the close of the games a delicious turkey supper was served to Mrs. Hugh Montgomery, Mrs. Will Adams, Mrs. Maxwell Yerger, Mrs. Will Sevier, Jr., Mrs. Field Montgomery, Mrs. Curtis Agee and Mrs. Sherwin.

Among those who motored to the football game in Baton Rouge on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. George Yerger, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yerger, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sevier, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. Field Montgomery.

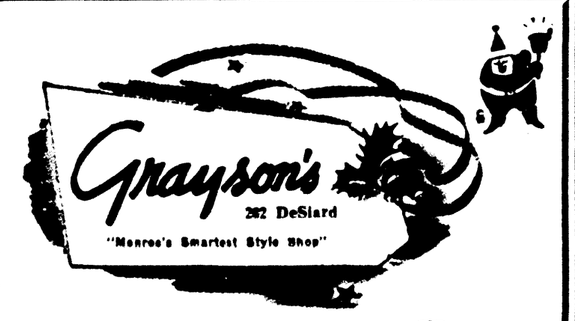
The monthly business meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church was held at the home of Mrs. W. M. Mayo on Monday, Dec. 9, at 3:30 o'clock. The [illegible] Mrs. A. S. Amacker, Jr., Mrs. D. W. Pierce, Jr., and Mrs. R. T. Campbell, Jr., assisting hostesses, served delightful refreshments during which a very interesting article on Christmas observance from ancient times until the present. She painted realistic and beautiful word pictures of Christmas of her childhood on the old plantation and the influence upon family life.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bledsoe had as recent guests Mrs. E. M. Eagle of Memphis, Mrs. I. A. Gibson, Mrs. E. W. Rust and Mrs. I. C. Barnaby of Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. W. L. Robertson sang "Ave Maria" and the group joined in singing Christmas carols. The exchange of gifts from the gorgeous Christmas tree in the reception hall, by means of matching duplicate Christmas greeting cards was an interesting feature of the social hour. The hostesses,

SPECIAL GROUP
SPARKLING EVENING BAGS

Only $1.00
Holloway & Thompson inc.
205 DESIARD ST.



Christmas Specials... $2.99

CANDLEWICK ROBES

Expensive Close Together
Tufting and Luxury Deep Pile!

The deep, beautifully patterned tufted bands are close together, not far apart as on ordinary robes. Hence the rich fluff and cozy feel. Skirts are full and billowy! Aqua, Royal Blue, Wine and Powder Blue. Small, medium and large sizes, $2.99.

SANTA SPECIAL
Lovely New NYLON HOSE
99c
In All the New Winter Shades — Slightly Irregular

Do This If Child Has a Cold
Relieve Misery Improved Vicks Way

Mothers, you will welcome the relief from misery that comes with a "VapoRub Massage."

With this more thorough treatment, the poultice-and-vapor action of Vicks VapoRub more effectively PENETRATES irritated air passages with soothing medicinal vapors... STIMULATES chest and back like a warming poultice or plaster... STARTS RELIEVING misery right away! Results delight even old friends of VapoRub.

TO GET a "VapoRub Massage" with all its benefits — massage VapoRub for 3 minutes on IMPORTANT RIB-AREA OF BACK as well as throat and chest — spread a thick layer on chest, cover with a warmed cloth. BE SURE to use genuine, time-tested VICKS VAPORUB.

LAMPS
$2.75 up
GIFT LAMPS — Beautiful lamps for wanted gifts.
DIXIE BEDDING & FURNITURE CO. "Satisfy You 35 Years"

WITH VITAMIN A IN IT NOW, ISN'T NUCOA A BLESSING? SO WHOLESOME AND DELICIOUS ON BREAD AND IT ADDS SUCH RICH FLAVOR TO ALL MY COOKING!

NUCOA THE WHOLESOME "THRIFT SPREAD" FOR BREAD

10-Piece Set of PYREX Ovenware

$1.29
DURRETT'S
117 St. John Phone 500 Monroe

ANNOUNCING . . WINNERS!

Admiration $3,000 Contest

First Prize ($100.00)
Mrs. G. E. Rye, Route 2, Texarkana, Tex.

Second Prize ($40.00)
Mrs. J. H. Morgan, 2605 Ethel, Waco, Tex.

Third Prize ($20.00)
Mrs. Stine Parr, Alice, Tex.

Next 20 Prizes ($2.00 Each)
Mrs. C. W. Alworth, Box 244, Ranger, Tex.
Mrs. J. C. Gurney, Coleman, Tex.
Mr. W. C. Currier, Jr., Box 41, Pecos, N. Mex.
Mrs. Mamie Evins, 1822 Monterey, San Antonio, Tex.
Mrs. J. H. Forson, 819 Hackberry, Taylor, Tex.
Mrs. Tom Foster, Llano, Tex.
Mrs. Paul Franke, Route 4, Brenham, Tex.
Mrs. Bill Geddie, 407 Rosedale, Tyler, Tex.
Mrs. W. H. Harris, Sr., Silsbee, Tex.
Mrs. F. G. Hatt, 307 4th N. E., Childress, Tex.
Mrs. W. W. Jeter, Box 684, Donna, Tex.
Mrs. H. E. Kott, 957 West Bridge, New Braunfels, Tex.
Mrs. W. R. Loper, Route 4, Merkel, Tex.
Mrs. J. S. McCormick, Box 101, Canyon, Tex.
Mrs. S. C. Richardson, Bryan, Tex.
Mrs. Lillian Roberts, Oklaunion, Tex.
Mrs. Willary Smith, Route 1, Big Spring, Tex.
Mrs. J. B. Snodgrass, 1610 18th, Huntsville, Tex.
Mrs. T. H. Vannoy, Box 607, Graham, Tex.
Mrs. Gertrude Walker, Box 144, Eldorado, Okla.

Eighth Contest Closed Dec. 7

Dealer's Prize ($50.00)
D. A. Shafner Grocery, Texarkana, Tex.

Dealer's Prize ($20.00)
Clarks Grocery, Waco, Tex.

Dealer's Prize ($10.00)
Wards Cash Grocery, Alice, Tex.

Next 20 Dealer's Prizes ($2.00 ea.)
Lorene Garza Grocery, Ranger, Tex.
Piggly Wiggly, Coleman, Tex.
Ratliff Food Store, Santa Fe, N. Mex.
Saunders Avenue Grocery, San Antonio, Tex.
Fred Speegle Grocery, Taylor, Tex.
A. Newsom Grocery, Llano, Tex.
Schmid Grocery, Brenham, Tex.
M. System, Tyler, Tex.
J. N. Collier Grocery, Silsbee, Tex.
J. C. Webb Grocery, Childress, Tex.
Piggly Wiggly, Donna, Tex.
Piggly Wiggly, New Braunfels, Tex.
A. M. Jackson Grocery, Merkel, Tex.
Coopers M System, Canyon, Tex.
Sam Falerno Grocery, Bryan, Tex.
Coastal Grocery, Oklaunion, Tex.
O. B. Hull Grocery, Big Spring, Tex.
J. E. Rhodes Grocery, Huntsville, Tex.
Scottys Grocery, Graham, Tex.
Corner Grocery, Eldorado, Okla.

New Contest On Now, Enter
Just write in 25 words "Why You Prefer Admiration Coffee" . . . See your grocer for further details. Remember . . . this is NOT a national contest . . . You are not competing with millions . . . Enter today and as often as you wish.

OFFICIAL HITTING AVERAGES PROVE INTERESTING

JOE DIMAGGIO PUT ON SPURT TO TAKE TITLE

Big Hank Greenberg Also Showed Plenty Of Clouting In Month

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Baseball fans have known since the season's close that jolting Joe DiMaggio of the New York Yankees won the 1940 American League batting championship—but the official circuit hitting averages, released today, provide some interesting data on how the big outfielder won his second straight hitting title.

He took the championship with an average of .352 in 132 games after a fine September performance which saw him pass both Rip Radcliff of St. Louis, who had held the lead most of the season, and Luke Appling, the Chicago White Sox shortstop. Appling fell short by finishing with a mark of .348 good for second place, while Ted Williams of Boston clipped in ahead of Radcliff with a mark of .344 to Radcliff's .342.

DiMaggio's hitting backfired in the late season when pitchers normally are the toughest on batters. He had the longest hitting streak of the year for a [illegible] getting hits in [illegible]

Among DiMaggio's 179 hits for the year were 31 home runs, one more than Hank Greenberg. He also had a total base [illegible] Greenberg's 286 [illegible] triple. His batting mark [illegible] Greenberg [illegible] Mel Ott [illegible] Detroit Tiger star [illegible] Yankees [illegible] Ted Williams [illegible] Boston [illegible] Frankie Crosetti [illegible] Yankees [illegible] George Case of Washington [illegible] Bob Johnson [illegible] Mel Harder [illegible]

TIGER CAGERS WIN OVER GAYLORD '5'

BATON ROUGE, Dec. 17.—(Special)—Coach [illegible] Louisiana State university basketball squad [illegible] Tigers [illegible] Gaylords [illegible] Louisiana college [illegible] Tuesday night [illegible] Tigers [illegible] Kentucky [illegible] Bengals [illegible] Saturday night [illegible] Tigers [illegible] Gaylords [illegible] Tigers [illegible] Bengals

ALEXANDRIA HIT BY FLU PLAGUE

7,800 Persons Ill With Disease And Colds; Cases Are Mild

ALEXANDRIA, La., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Approximately 7,800 of the 52,000 civilians in and around Alexandria were ill Monday with colds or influenza which the health officials said were all mild cases.

Colonel H. C. Michie, surgeon at nearby Camp Beauregard where 12,000 soldiers are in training, said none of the troops was suffering from influenza although about 45 per cent of the 316 men on the sick list had "upper respiratory infections."

Alexandria has a normal population of 27,000 now swollen to 52,000 by the influz of workmen engaged on construction projects at the camp.

Dr. R. B. Wallace, city health officer, said 15 per cent of that total number is now sick or "off duty" as a result of colds or influenza.

Dr. John M. Whitney, director of the bureau of health for the state board at New Orleans, said influenza cases were reported in a number of Louisiana cities but that all were of a "mild" nature and resembled those reported in California two weeks ago.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec 16.—(AP)—Cases of influenza that have been reported in the past several days in Louisiana are "of highly contagious nature, but extremely mild and are producing no serious illness," Dr W. C. Truting, epidemiologist of the Louisiana state board of health, said Monday.

Health authorities were contacted in all Louisiana points where influenza outbreaks have been reported, and according to Dr. Truting "in practically every case the doctors express doubt that the cases they have handled are influenza."

Local health boards and officers determine when public places shall be closed on account of epidemics, he explained. The state board of health acts in a supervisory capacity, but when it is deemed necessary the state board supersedes the local boards and orders closing of public gathering places.

Aside from several thousand cases reported in Alexandria, he said, 1,000 cases were reported in Lafayette, 131 in New Orleans, 115 of which were imported for hospitalization, and 300 cases in other sections of the state.

STRANGE ACCIDENT OCCURS AT GARAGE

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—(AP)—James Corder, 17, driving into a garage, left his arm hanging outside the door as he watched closely to keep from denting the fenders.

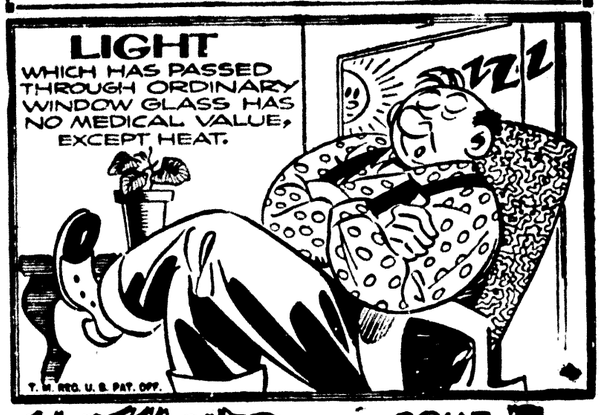
The fenders went through safely. His arm didn't.

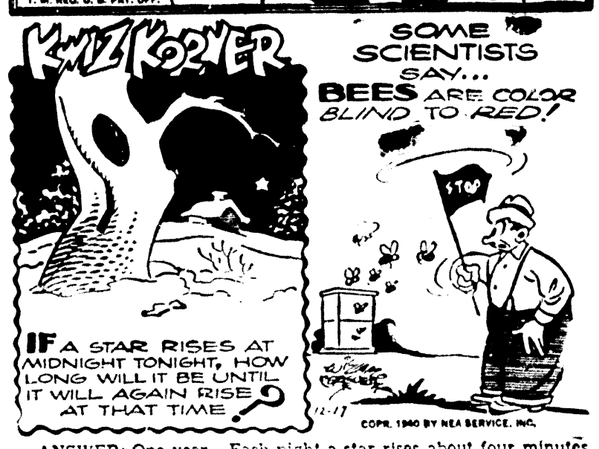
"I just forgot to pull it in," he told doctors who set his broken arm.

When the castiron plow was introduced in America, farmers refused to use it, believing that the iron would poison the soil.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson




KWIZ KORNER
IF A STAR RISES AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT, HOW LONG WILL IT BE UNTIL IT WILL AGAIN RISE AT THAT TIME?
SOME SCIENTISTS SAY... BEES ARE COLOR BLIND TO RED!
STOP
12-17
COPR. 1940 BY NEA SERVICE, INC.

ANSWER: One year. Each night a star rises about four minutes earlier, and in one year will again rise at the same time it does tonight.

Pause... Refresh

COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY
MONROE, LA. PHONE 184

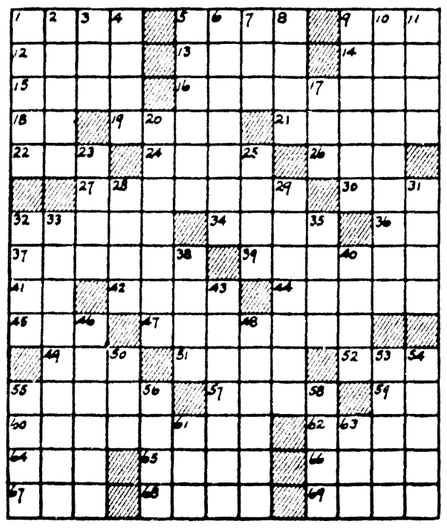
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Address
5. Inclined walk
9. Spread for drying
12. So be it
13. Wines
14. Mountain: comb. form
15. Speck of dust
16. Moorish
18. Type of railway: colloq.
19. Merchandise
21. Pralses
22. Ocean
24. Children
26. Hawaiian wreath
27. Believes
30. Pigeon
32. Bay window
34. Quote
36. Peacock butterfly
37. Kind of resin
39. Inveterate hatred
41. Paid public notice
42. Dry
44. Carried
45. Side piece of an umbrella
47. Drive back
49. Spanish hero
51. Alcoholic beverage
52. Feminine name
53. Cycle in which eclipses reoccur
57. Tale of adventure
59. Exist
60. Superabundance
62. Morbid breathing sound
64. Tree
65. Ages
66. Sacred image
67. Color
68. Size of paper
69. Saucy

DOWN
1. Domesticates
2. Soap plant
3. Allow
4. Was aware
5. Accessory of an old-fashioned rifle
6. Pertaining to a certain drug
7. Spoil
8. Pare
9. Head coverings
10. Scholarship
11. Performs
17. Salt
20. Workshop
23. Youth beloved by Galatea
25. Mix circularly
28. Steeps
29. Buildings for horses
31. Time long gone
32. Persian poet
33. Fundamentally
35. Son of Seth
38. Men who handle a boat
40. Northwestern Indian
43. Short witty and pithy saying
46. Ancient galley with two banks of oars
48. Restless
50. Small round mark
53. Heroism
54. Spike of flowers
55. Hastened
56. Cast off
58. Stumble
61. Unrefined metal
63. Playing card

L	I	P		R	E	F	E	R		H	E	W
A	D	A		E	X	I	L	E		I	R	E
I	L	L		T	I	T	A	N		D	I	A
D	E	P	A	R	T	S		E	L	D	E	R
		A	X	E	S		O	G	E	E		
C	A	B	L	E		P	L	A	N	N	E	D
I	S	L	E		G	L	I	D	E		N	O
D	I	E		S	L	A	V	E		H	A	W
E	D		S	T	O	N	E		C	O	T	E
R	E	C	E	I	V	E		L	A	P	E	L
		H	A	L	E		L	I	K	E		
A	B	A	T	E		L	A	B	E	L	E	D
N	A	P		T	R	I	T	E		E	V	E
O	L	E		T	A	M	I	L		S	I	N
A	L	L		O	P	E	N	S		S	L	Y

Solution Of Saturday's Puzzle



MOPSY By GLADYS PARKER

OUT OUR WAY

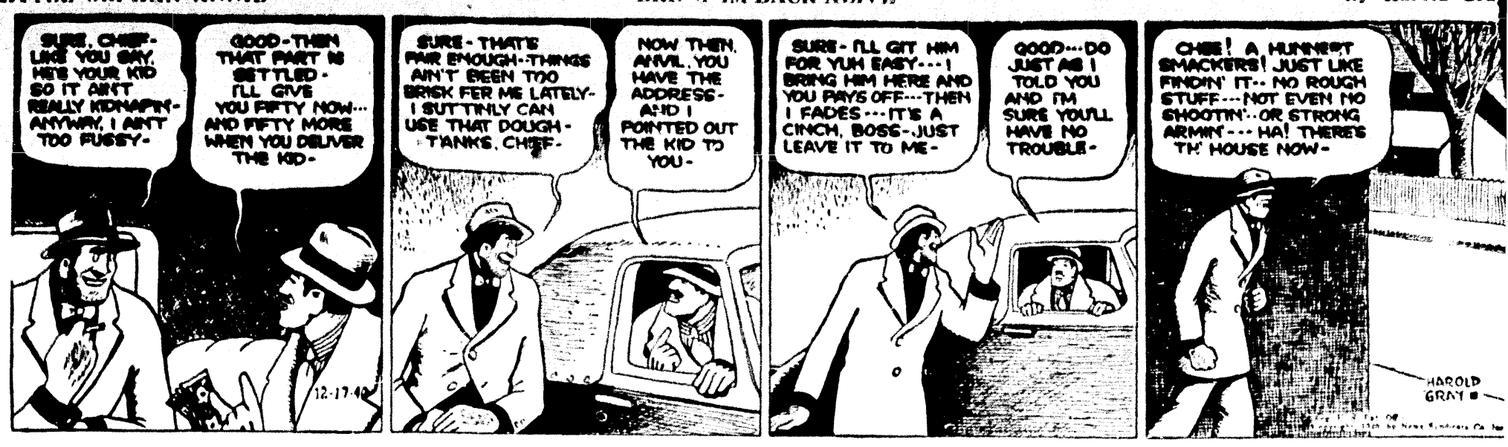
—By Williams

THET'S TH' GAME WARDEN, ICK! QUICK -- HIDE TH' TURKEY IN TH' TREE -- IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
CHANCE OB WHUT ?
T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.
COPR. 1940 BY NEA SERVICE, INC.
J.R.WILLIAMS
12-17
EMPTY CHAIRS AT CHRISTMAS TABLE

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE

BRING 'IM BACK ALIVE

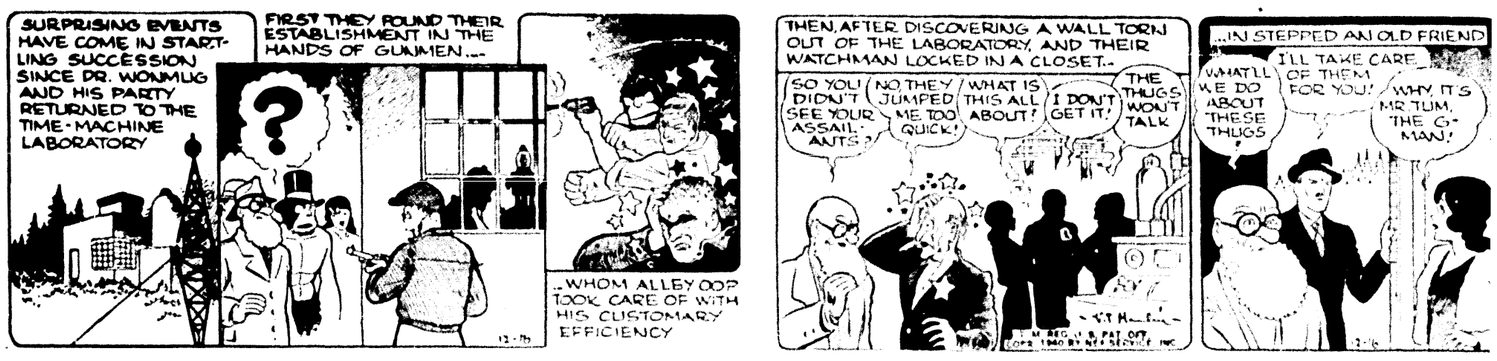
By Harold Gra


SURE, CHIEF- LIKE YOU SAY, HE'S YOUR KID SO IT AIN'T REALLY KIDNAPIN'- ANYWAY, I AIN'T TOO FUSSY-
GOOD-THEN THAT PART IS SETTLED- I'LL GIVE YOU FIFTY NOW... AND FIFTY MORE WHEN YOU DELIVER THE KID-
12-17-40
SURE- THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH-THINGS AIN'T BEEN TOO BRISK FER ME LATELY- I SUTTINLY CAN USE THAT DOUGH- TIANKS, CHIEF-
NOW THEN, ANVIL, YOU HAVE THE ADDRESS- AND I POINTED OUT THE KID TO YOU-
SURE- I'LL GIT HIM FOR YUH EASY--- I BRING HIM HERE AND YOU PAYS OFF--- THEN I FADES--- IT'S A CINCH, BOSS- JUST LEAVE IT TO ME-
GOOD--- DO JUST AS I TOLD YOU AND I'M SURE YOU'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE-
CHEE! A HUNNERT SMACKERS! JUST LIKE FINDIN' IT-- NO ROUGH STUFF--- NOT EVEN NO SHOOTIN'-- OR STRONG ARMIN'--- HA! THERE'S TH' HOUSE NOW-
HAROLD GRAY

ALLEY OOP

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

By V. T. Hamli


SURPRISING EVENTS HAVE COME IN STARTLING SUCCESSION SINCE DR. WONMUG AND HIS PARTY RETURNED TO THE TIME-MACHINE LABORATORY
FIRST THEY FOUND THEIR ESTABLISHMENT IN THE HANDS OF GUNMEN...
..WHOM ALLEY OOP TOOK CARE OF WITH HIS CUSTOMARY EFFICIENCY
THEN, AFTER DISCOVERING A WALL TORN OUT OF THE LABORATORY, AND THEIR WATCHMAN LOCKED IN A CLOSET..
SO YOU DIDN'T SEE YOUR ASSAILANTS?
NO, THEY JUMPED ME TOO QUICK!
WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?
I DON'T GET IT!
THE THUGS WON'T TALK
...IN STEPPED AN OLD FRIEND
WHAT'LL WE DO ABOUT THESE THUGS
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM FOR YOU!
WHY, IT'S MR. TUM, THE G-MAN!

LAUGH THAT OFF

YES, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MR. TUM, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR CONNECTION IN THIS AFFAIR
HOW DOES A FEDERAL MAN GET IN ON THIS CASE?
THESE CHAPS HAVE STOLEN GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OFF A MILITARY RESERVATION... AND WE'VE TRACED IT HERE!
WOTTA YA MEAN, WE SWIPED GOV'MENT PROPERTY? YOU GOT NO EVIDENCE TO PROVE IT!
SIT DOWN FORE YOU BLASTED DOWN!
NO EVIDENCE? OH SO THAT'S THE ANGLE, EH? I SUPPOSE YOU'VE EATEN THAT AIRPLANE?
ALL RIGHT LET'S SUPPOSE YOU DID GET RID OF THE PLANE. THERE'S STILL THAT BIG FREIGHTER WHICH THAT LT. ONE OF THE BOYS SAW YOU
HAW HAW HAW! HAW
AND I KNOW A MEXICAN TRUCKER WHO'LL GIVE A LITTLE FOR A LOOK AT THE

TARZAN

TRAGEDY OF ERRORS

By Edgar Rice Burroug

FACING DEATH, TARZAN CALLED THE DISTANT APES. THEY SPED TO HIS AID. BUT WHEN TOMMY ANXIOUSLY REPEATED THE CRY, THEY HALT, BELIEVING THE FIRST CRY, TOO, HAD BEEN TOMMY'S.
SWIFT TARMANGANI, OUR ENEMY, NO HELP! ONE GROANED, BUT ANOTHER SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE GOOD TO WATCH AWHILE.
SO PROMPTED BY ENEMY TO TOMMY, THEY MOVED ON BUT NOW MORE SLOWLY... TOO SLOWLY.
ALREADY THE ARCHERS WERE RAISING THEIR BOWS TO SPED THE BODY OF TARZAN WITH ARROWS.

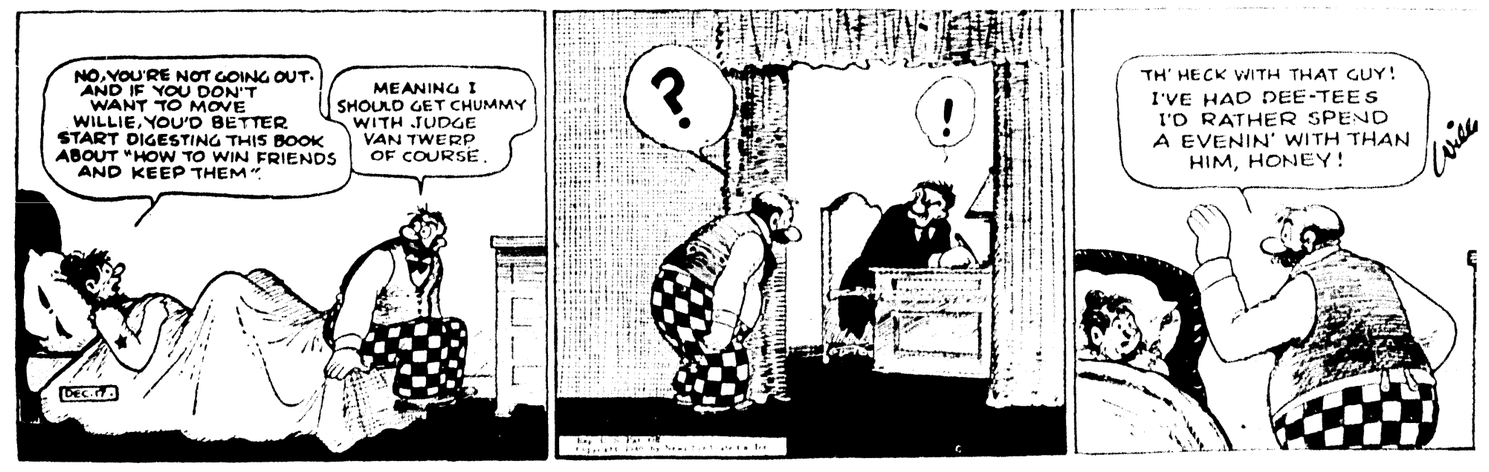
MOON MULLINS

LAYING DOWN ON THE JOB

By Will

HOHUM! WHAT A LAZY DRONE I AM, LIVING IN THE LAP OF LUXURY, SWALLERING JUDGE VAN TWERPS FREE FOOD AND DRINK.
AND INSULTS.
YES, I'D OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF MYSELF - GO OUT IN THE WORLD OF WORK AND FIND SOMETHING BETTER TO DO, DEARIE.
ZZZ-AW-ZZ-
OH, WELL, WHO TH' HECK WANTS ANYTHING BETTER TO DO?
ZZZ ZOOP ZZZ
Willard

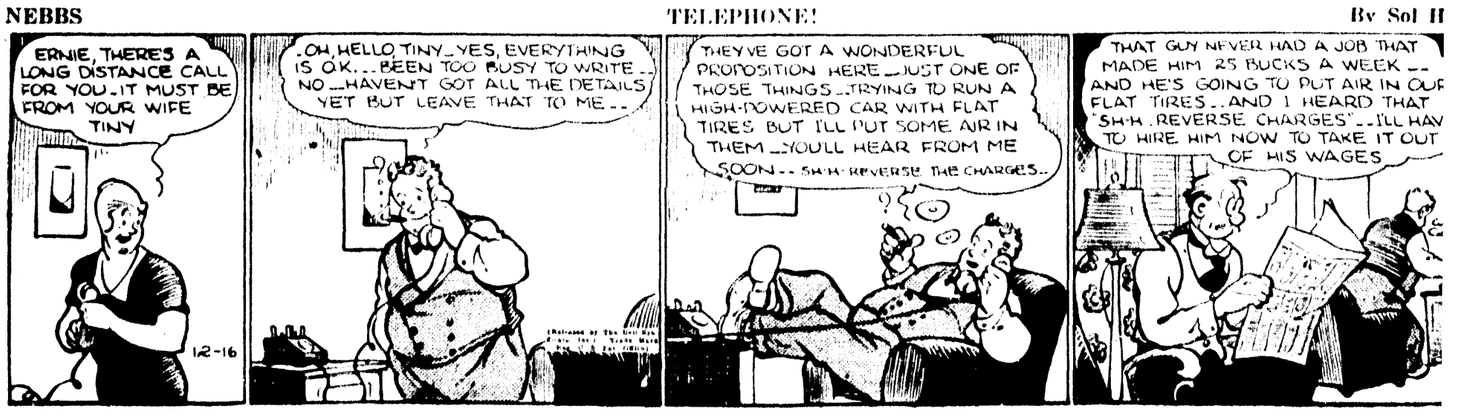
PRESENT COMPANY EXCEPTED, OF COURSE


NO, YOU'RE NOT GOING OUT. AND IF YOU DON'T WANT TO MOVE WILLIE, YOU'D BETTER START DIGESTING THIS BOOK ABOUT "HOW TO WIN FRIENDS AND KEEP THEM".
MEANING I SHOULD GET CHUMMY WITH JUDGE VAN TWERP OF COURSE.
DEC. 17
?
!
TH' HECK WITH THAT GUY! I'VE HAD DEE-TEES I'D RATHER SPEND A EVENIN' WITH THAN HIM, HONEY!
Willard

THE NEBBS

TELEPHONE!

By Sol H


ERNIE, THERE'S A LONG DISTANCE CALL FOR YOU - IT MUST BE FROM YOUR WIFE TINY
12-16
OH, HELLO TINY - YES, EVERYTHING IS O.K. - BEEN TOO BUSY TO WRITE - NO - HAVEN'T GOT ALL THE DETAILS YET BUT LEAVE THAT TO ME--
THEY'VE GOT A WONDERFUL PROPOSITION HERE - JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS - TRYING TO RUN A HIGH-POWERED CAR WITH FLAT TIRES BUT I'LL PUT SOME AIR IN THEM - YOU'LL HEAR FROM ME SOON -- SH-H- REVERSE THE CHARGES..
THAT GUY NEVER HAD A JOB THAT MADE HIM 25 BUCKS A WEEK -- AND HE'S GOING TO PUT AIR IN OUR FLAT TIRES.. AND I HEARD THAT "SH-H, REVERSE CHARGES" -- I'LL HAV TO HIRE HIM NOW TO TAKE IT OUT OF HIS WAGES

MARKETS

COTTON

New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Cotton futures were inactive here today. No sales were shown on the close. Final bid prices were steady two points lower to one point higher.

	Open	High	Low	Close	
Jan.	10.04b	...	...	10.05b	....
Mch.	10.18	10.22	10.16	10.19b	....
May	10.10	10.15	10.09	10.13b	....
July	9.91	9.94	9.90	9.93b	....
Oct.	9.35	9.36	9.34	9.36b	....
Dec.	9.29b	...	...	9.30b	....

b—Bid.

SPOT COTTON

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Spot cotton closed steady and unchanged. Sales 1,723, low middling 8.89, middling 9.89, good middling 10.39, receipts 3,180, stock 530,389.

AVERAGE COTTON PRICE

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The average price of middling 15-16ths inch cotton today at 10 designated southern spot markets was one point higher at 9.83 cents a pound; average for the past 30 market days 9.78 cents; middling 7-8ths inch average 9.62 cents a pound.

New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Cotton futures fluctuated irregularly below.

Prices declined early under Bombay selling, hedging and mill liquidation. Offerings lined up, however, and the market recovered on trade buying and spot house support. Late afternoon prices were unchanged to 2 lower. March 10.15, May 10.08, July 9.91.

Futures closed one higher to one lower.

	Open	High	Low	Last	
Jan.	...	...	...	10.04n	unch
Mch.	10.18	10.22	10.16	10.19	up 1
May	10.10	10.15	10.09	10.13	up 1
July	9.91	9.94	9.90	9.93	up 2
Oct.	9.35	9.36	9.34	9.36	off 1
Dec.	...	...	...	9.30n	off 1

M-Middle (spot 10.00n up 1.

n-Nominal.

Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Lower. Spot and [illegible] Dec. 5.11d, Jan. 5.11d, March 5.12d, May 5.13d, July 5.13d, Oct. 5.14d. Futures closed 1 to 2 points lower. Dec. 5.11d, Jan. 5.11d, March 5.12d, May 5.13d, July 5.13d, Oct. 5.14d.

American middling fair 5.52d, good middling 5.22d, middling 5.12d, low middling 4.92d, good ordinary 4.72d, ordinary 4.52d. Sales 12,000, including 1,000 American. Receipts 8,000, including 7,000 American.

Cottonseed Oil

New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Cottonseed crude [illegible] Prime[illegible] Dec. 6.30n, Jan. 6.31-32, March 6.40-41, May 6.47-48, July 6.52-53. Sales 1,000. Crude S. E. 6.30 bid.

New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Prime crude cottonseed oil, spot 6.30n, Dec. 6.30n, Jan. 6.31-32, March 6.40-41, May 6.47-48, July 6.52-53. Sales 1,000. Crude S. E. 6.30 bid.

Sugar

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Cuban [illegible] Late prices were one to two points lower. March 1.95, May 1.97.

World [illegible] March 1.97.

Raw sugar market is refiner bought. Offerings [illegible] Refiners and the market receded on trade buying and spot house support. Late afternoon prices were unchanged to 2 lower. March 1.95, May 1.96, July 1.97.

Futures closed one higher to one lower.

	Open	High	Low	Last	
Jan.	...	...	...	1.94n	unch
Mch.	1.95	1.96	1.95	1.96	up 1
May	1.96	1.97	1.96	1.97	up 1
July	1.97	1.98	1.97	1.98	up 1
Oct.	1.93	1.94	1.93	1.94	off 1
Dec.	...	...	...	1.93n	off 1

M-Middle (spot 2.00n up 1.

n-Nominal.

Poultry

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Poultry live, 2 cars on, 30 trucks, steady to firm; hens, Leghorn 19 1-2, springs, 4 lbs up, White Rock 17 1-2, geese, 12 lbs down 13 1-2, over 12 lbs 12 1-2; turkeys, toms, young, over 18 lbs 15, 18 lbs down 16, hens 18. Other prices unchanged.

Potatoes

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(AP)—(USDA)—Potatoes, arrivals 82, on track 328, total U. S. shipments 347, Nebraska Blue Triumphs U. S. 1, 1.75, Minnesota and North Dakota cobblers 85 per cent U. S. 1, 1.60-62 1-2, Blue Triumphs 80 per cent to more U. S. 1, 87 1-2 to 1.17 1-2.

RIVER STAGES

Stations:	Flood Stage	Present Stage	24 Hour Change
MISSISSIPPI			
St. Louis	30	1.1	0.0
Memphis	34	5.4	0.7 Rise
Helena	44	7.2	1.1 Rise
Arkansas City	42	3.4	0.4 Rise
Vicksburg	43	1.1	0.1 Fall
Natchez	48	8.8	0.4 Fall
Baton Rouge	28	6.3	0.2 Fall
ATCHAFALAYA			
Melville	37	15.4	0.1 Fall
Morgan City	6	2.9	0.4 Fall
OUACHITA			
Camden	26	19.6	1.1 Rise
Monroe	40	23.8	0.2 Rise
OHIO			
Pittsburgh	25	16.7	0.2 Fall
Cincinnati	52	19.0	2.6 Rise
Cairo	40	13.3	0.3 Rise
TENNESSEE			
Chattanooga	30	7.8	0.1 Rise
CUMBERLAND			
Nashville	40	9.8	0.0
ARKANSAS			
Fort Smith	22	11.1	1.7 Rise
Little Rock	23	4.3	0.6 Fall
RED			
Shreveport	39	16.3	0.6 Rise
Alexandria	32	23.4	0.9 Rise

RENT! Through the WANT ADS

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Stocks irregular; leaders narrow. Bonds mixed; rails most active. Foreign exchange quiet; Canadian dollar improves. Cotton uneven; Bombay selling; spot house support. Sugar higher; Cuban buying. Metals steady; export copper price hardens. Wool tops mixed trade and spot house buying, liquidation.

CHICAGO: Wheat higher; commission house buying. Corn higher, strong cash demand. Hogs mostly 10 cents lower, heavy receipts. Cattle slow, steady, slackened demand.

NEW YORK STOCKS

By Victor Eubank

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The stock market engine continued to sputter aimlessly today and leaders were unable to work up real speed in any direction.

Slightly lower prices were in the majority during the greater part of the proceedings but weakness was a rarity. An assortment of small gains was in evidence at the close and numerous issues finished at their final quotations of Monday.

Dealings, on the whole, were as indifferent as trends, although intermittent activity put transfers for the full session in the neighborhood of 500,000 shares.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The stock market attempted to dig in for a modest rally today but was unable to accomplish much in the face of persistent trading indifference.

Dealings were slow throughout and while scattered leaders managed to tack on fractions a wide assortment was unchanged to down a trifle near the finish.

Further interesting business was confined to trading in small lots, particularly in specialties. Among the active were A[illegible] Telephone, Great Northern preferred, Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Southern Railway, Texas Corporation, Texas Gulf Sulphur, U. S. Steel, Western Union, Westinghouse Electric, Woolworth, American Can, American Car & Foundry, American Locomotive, American Tobacco "B", Anaconda Copper, Chrysler, Commercial Solvents, Consolidated Edison, Consolidated Oil, Corn Products, Curtiss-Wright, Du Pont, Eastman Kodak, General Electric, General Foods, General Motors, Goodrich, Goodyear, Gulf Oil, Hudson Motor, International Harvester, International Nickel, International Telephone, Kennecott Copper, Loew's, Montgomery Ward, National Biscuit, National Cash Register, National Dairy Products, New York Central, North American, Packard Motor, Paramount Pictures, Penney (J. C.), Pennsylvania Railroad, Phillips Petroleum, Public Service of New Jersey, Radio Corporation, Republic Steel, Reynolds Tobacco "B", Sears-Roebuck, Socony-Vacuum, Standard Brands, Standard Oil of California, Standard Oil of New Jersey, Studebaker, Union Carbide, United Aircraft, United Corporation, United Fruit, United States Industrial Alcohol, United States Rubber, United States Steel, Warner Brothers Pictures, Western Union, Westinghouse Electric, Woolworth.

CHICAGO GRAIN

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Wheat futures developed a weak undertone today as the result of continued liquidation induced by the absence of any demand to speak of, prospects of favorable conditions in the Southwest and the fact that Washington reports indicated that the government would not buy wheat for export.

Wheat closed unchanged to 1-2 to 3-4 cent lower than Monday's finish. Dec. [illegible] 1.1 1-2 to 3-4 and May 79 1-4 to 1-2 cent lower. Corn closed 1-2 to 3-4 cent lower, Dec. [illegible] 1.1 1-2 to 3-4 and May 79 3-4 to 7-8 cent lower. Oats were 1-2 to 3-4 cent lower to 1-4 cent higher, Soybeans were 1-2 to 3-4 cent lower to 1-4 cent higher, Rye closed 1-4 to 1-2 cent lower and barley 1-2 cent lower to 1 cent higher.

	Open	High	Low	Close
WHEAT				
Dec.	80	84	77	80
May	75 1/8	81 1/8	74 1/8	77 1/4
CORN				
Dec.	57 1/8	59 1/4	57 1/8	59 1/4
May	59 1/4	61 1/4	59 1/4	61 1/4
OATS				
Dec.	38	41	38	41
May	41 1/8	43 1/8	41 1/8	43 1/8
SOY BEANS				
Dec.	87	89 1/4	87	89 1/4
May	85 1/8	89	85 1/2	88 1/4
RYE				
Dec.	43 1/4	43 1/4	42 1/4	42 1/4
May	45	45 1/2	45	45
BARLEY				
Dec.	48	48	47	47
May	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2

Butter And Eggs

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Butter receipts 712,942, steady, market unchanged.

Eggs, receipts 5,064, steady, refrigerator extras 22 1-2, refrigerator standards 2 21-4, other prices unchanged. Government graded eggs unchanged.

WAR DEBTS DUE AGAIN, —ONLY HUNGARY PAYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The World war debts came due again today, but only Hungary paid, and she did not pay in full.

For the first time, Finland was absent from the pay window, availing herself of a special act of congress authorizing her to skip the payment in view of her heavy war losses.

Great Britain not only failed to pay the $127,670,765 principal and interest installment due today, but was bickering with the cashier with a view to obtaining more money. Sir Frederick Phillips, undersecretary of the British treasury, was in town, presenting the facts of British financial resources to Secretary Morgenthau.

Hungary, which has made a practice in recent years of paying only a portion of the installments due, transmitted $9,828 of the $22,770 due today. Only one other country currently is paying. Greece makes token remittances, but her bid does not come due until January 1.

L. N. GAUNT DIES

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—L. N. Gaunt, of Shreveport a state arbitrator, was found dead in bed today at his hotel room here. He was 49 years old. Dr. C. Grenes Cole, Orleans parish coroner, said death was due to a heart failure.

'41 PREVIEW

LIST RAID DEATHS DURING NOVEMBER

[illegible]

NO COOING

[illegible]

Legal Notices

[illegible]

Results Count---Want Ads Produce Them

Legal Notices

Succession of J. N. Hood, Deceased, No. 4262 Probate Docket; State of Louisiana, Parish of Ouachita, Fourth District Court.

Notice is hereby given that S. Drew Kennedy, Administrator of the Succession of J. N. Hood, Deceased, has made due application for authority to sell at private sale, for not less than Twenty-seven Hundred Fifty ($2,750.00) Dollars cash, the following described immovable property belonging to this Succession, situated in the City of West Monroe, Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, to-wit:

Lots Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Thirteen (13), Twenty (20), and Twenty-one (21) of Block I of Hood's Resubdivision of Block D of Zeigin's Subdivision of the J. C. Ransom estate.

All parties whom it may concern, including the heirs, are hereby required to make opposition, if any they have, to such course within ten (10) days, including Sundays and holidays, from the day whereon the last publication of this notice appears.

Witnesseth the Honorable J. T. Shell and David I. Garrett, Judges of the Fourth Judicial District Court in and for Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, on this the 10th day of December, A. D. 1940.

(SEAL) S. O. WILLIAMS, Dy. Clerk of Court.

Monroe, La., Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 1940, Jan. 10, 1941.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Ouachita National Bank in Monroe Vs. No. 29876, Mrs. Ruth Roye, Surviving Spouse of J. T. Roye, Sr.; State of Louisiana, Parish of Ouachita, Fourth District Court.

By virtue of a writ of Seizure and Sale issued from the Honorable Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause and to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at the western front door of the Court House in the City of Monroe, Louisiana, between the legal hours of sale, on,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 1941,

the following described property, to-wit:—

A certain lot or parcel of ground beginning at the intersection of the north line of Cryer Avenue (formerly Cotton street), and the east line of Cypress Street, sometimes called Dixie-Overland Highway, thence running and running in a northerly direction along the east line of said Cypress Street, or Dixie-Overland Highway, one hundred sixty (160) feet, thence at right angles with the east line of Cypress street, northerly eighty (80) feet, thence southerly, and parallel with the east line of Cypress street, ten feet, thence at right angles with said line, one hundred and sixty (160) feet, more or less, to the north line of Cryer Avenue, thence westerly along the north line of Cryer Avenue, eighty (80) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section 24, Township 17 North, Range 3 East, and being the same property acquired by J. N. Hood from the Succession of M. R. Kennedy, by sheriff's deed dated December 17, 1932, and of record in Conveyance Book 135, page [illegible], in the records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

Lots Four (4) and Five (5) of Section 34 Township 17 North, Range 3 East, containing 64.92 acres more or less.

A tract of land situated in the Northeast corner of Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 3 East, containing 12 acres more or less and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the original quarter section corner north boundary of Section 3, Township 16 North, Range 3 East and running south 89 35 degrees east a distance of 16 chains and 83 links to the place of beginning proper, thence continue south 89 35 degrees east a distance of 25 chains and 36 links to the northeast corner of said Section 3, thence south 13¼ degrees east a distance of 10 chains and 28 links, thence north 88 30 degrees west a distance of 24 chains and 70 links to the place of beginning proper. Containing 12 acres more or less.

The last two tracts above described being the same property acquired by J. N. Hood from the Brown Paper Mill Co. Inc., by three deeds—the first of which is dated April 3, 1925, recorded in Conveyance Book 135, page 317 of the records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; the second being dated August 11, 1926, recorded in Conveyance Book 140, page 46 of the records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; and the third being dated January 15, 1929, recorded in Conveyance Book 150, page 137 of the records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

Said property above described containing in the aggregate 615.24 acres more or less, comprising the J. N. Hood Home Place or Chemere Plantation acquired by J. N. Hood as hereinabove set out

and also the following described livestock and farming implements situated on said place and used in connection therewith, to-wit:

8 Head of mules

2 Disc cultivators; 4 Walking cultivators; 1 Stalk cutter; 4 10" turning plows; 3 Middle buster; 1 12" turning plow; 2 Planters; 2 Distributors; 4 6" turning plows; 1 Saddle; 1 Wagon; 1 Sub-soiler; 1 Tractor disc; 1 Pitcher; 1 Old Worn out tractor; Harness, etc.; 1 Cane mill.

All parties whom it may concern, including the heirs, are hereby required to make opposition, if any they have to such course within ten (10) days, including Sundays and holidays, from the day whereon the last publication of this notice appears.

Witnesseth the Honorable J. T. Shell and David I. Garrett, Judges of the Fourth Judicial District Court in and for Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, on this the 10th day of December, A. D. 1940.

(SEAL) S. O. WILLIAMS, Dy. Clerk of Court.

Monroe, La., Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 1940, Jan. 10, 1941.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Ouachita National Bank in Monroe Vs. No. 29877, Mrs. Ruth Roye, Surviving Spouse of J. T. Roye, Sr.; State of Louisiana, Parish of Ouachita, Fourth District Court.

By virtue of a writ of Seizure and Sale issued from the Honorable Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause and to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at the western front door of the Court House in the City of Monroe, Louisiana, between the legal hours of sale, on,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 1941,

the following described property, to-wit:—

North Half of Southeast Quarter, South Half of Northeast Quarter and Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter Section One, Township Seventeen North of Range Two East, containing 200 acres more or less. Also all right, title and interest and to the South Half of Fractional Southeast Quarter, Section One, and Lot One of section Twelve, all in Township 17 North, Range 2 East, containing 103.92 acres, more or less.

Seized as the property of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy said writ of Seizure and Sale and all costs.

Terms of sale, cash, with the benefit of appraisement to the last and highest bidder.

MILTON COVERDALE, Sheriff.

Monroe, La., Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 1940.

Announcements

Lost & Found (2)

LOST—Two small fox dogs. One white, red speckled ear. Eight tattooed in ear. One white, black and tan with saddle back. Reward. Phone 672 or 4187-W.

LOST—Yellow gold diamond ring. Middle stone 82 points. Four small diamonds each side. Reward. Luther Cox, Sheriff's Department, Bastrop, La.

Personals (3)

MEN, WOMEN! WANT VIM? Stimulate [illegible] in Ostrex tablets put up [illegible] Jackie Vitamins. At [illegible] Calcium, Phosphorus, [illegible] Iron, Iodine and Vitamin B1. Fast package relief or money refunded. Low price. Call [illegible] Sanitarium Pharmacy and all other [illegible] drug stores.

YOUR HANDWRITING analyzed by J. [illegible] Formerly with handwriting studies at New York World's Fair. For analysis enclose sample of your handwriting on unruled paper. Write [illegible] Dept. 4566 Park avenue, Bldg. New York.

EXPERT STOVE REPAIRING. Connecting. Call Lankford, Federal Furniture 704.

SPINAL MASSAGE BY EARL R. SIMMONS. 223 Bernhardt Bldg. Phone 1[illegible]—Mattress.

Business Services

KEYS FITTED, safes opened, and repaired. Tennis rackets restrung. Phone 151. C. C. Lindley, 126 Jackson.

Bicycle Repairs (8)

CITY CYCLE & GUN SHOP. 102 South Grand. Phone 4501. Guns repaired. Keys made. Expert work.

Mattress Renovating (10)

HIGHEST QUALITY [illegible] Phone [illegible]

MATTRESSES renovated $1.95. Innerspring $5.75. Work guaranteed. Call 2744 or write Ouachita Mattress Co.

MATTRESSES renovated $1.95. Innerspring $5.75. Work guaranteed. West Monroe Mattress Co. Phone 1745.

MATTRESSES RENOVATED—Pick furnished, $1.75. L. W. Gresham, 111 Hart. Phone 2157.

MATTRESSES RENOVATED. Pick furnished, $1.95. Innerspring $5.75. Work guaranteed. Twin City Mattress Co., 511 Cypress, West Monroe. Phone 4065.

Furn. Rpr. (17)

Upholstering—Refinishing
Repairing by Expert
Antiques Restored
KOCH'S
2003 Lee Phone 4703

USED CAR dealers in Monroe are now featuring the best in late model automobiles. Watch these columns for the dealers who offer their cars here are progressive and offer sound value. News-Star-World advertisers get results.

Employment

Help Wanted—Female (21)

BEAUTY OPERATOR [illegible] 65% commission. Box ABC, care News-Star.

Male & Female Help (22)

WANTED—Experienced bookkeeper, steady job. Man or woman. Must report in person. Dixie Bedding and Furniture Company.

Situations Wanted (23)

CAPABLE AND EXPERIENCED bookkeeper desires position at once. Anything considered. Full or part time. Write Box 236-B, The News-Star—World.

MARRIED MAN, age 24, seeking employment due to bad location of only store which I am managing will close December 31. Owner will recommend me. Write Box 448-D, News-Star—World.

UNDERGRADUATE NURSE desires work. One year, seven months training. Phone 2714.

Instructions

HIGH school graduates select a vocation now and lay a sound foundation for your future. Printing is one of America's largest industries and offers young men above the average in intelligence and ambition wonderful opportunities for advancement. Instructions offered in hand composition, press work, monotype keyboard operating, monotype caster operating and linotype operating. We have competent instructors with years of experience in the printing industry, modern equipment. For free catalogue write to V. C. Garriott, Secy.-Treas., Southern School of Printing, 1514-16 South Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

Business Schools (24)

MONROE Beauty School, 315 Harrison street. Earn while learning. Enroll now.

PITCHER'S Beauty School. New class forming. 110 Catalpa St. Phone 2220.

Music, Drama, Art (26)

PIANO-ACCORDION and piano lessons. Phone 4677.

Financial

Money to Loan (30)

Want CASH How Much?

You fill in the amount

$

... then bring this ad in with you.

GET cash quickly and privately in two simple steps:

1. Come in, tell us how much you want, how much you desire to repay monthly.
2. Sign, and get the cash — $25 to $250 or more. Come in or phone today.

2nd Floor, Room 209 Bernhardt Bldg. Corner DeSiard and N. Second

Vernon Adkins, Mgr

Personal FINANCE CO.

CONSULT these ads every day for late buying and selling information.

Instructions

Business Schools (24)

LEARN A TRADE
Trained Men in Demand
Prepare for the Future

Printing has unlimited possibilities for advancement. Skilled workmen needed for the industry. The SOUTHERN SCHOOL OF PRINTING, 1514-16 South Street, Nashville, Tennessee offers systematic training. Efficient Instructors with years of practical experience; modern equipment valued at $250,000.00. Write for free catalog.

Financial

Business Opportunities (27)

SMALL SANDWICH SHOP FOR SALE. $275.00 cash. Phone 9135.

FOR SALE—Hardware store and fixtures. Located in Bastrop, La. R. L. Thomas, Bastrop, La.

FOR RENT OR LEASE—Service station and store with living quarters. Newly decorated. Large garden fenced. $25.00. Phone 5598.

Money to Loan (30)

AUTO LOANS

Auto Financing Exclusively

- No Endorsers
- No Red Tape
- Strictly Confidential
- Bring Car and Title Papers
- Drive Away With the Money
- Present Payments Reduced—18 Months to Pay

MOTORS SECURITIES COMPANY, INC.
500 Walnut St. Monroe, La.

NEED money? See Vernon Adkins, 209 Bernhardt Bldg. Phone 1288.

Articles For Sale

Furniture, Household (31)

BARGAINS!

12 Tube A.C. Console Radio [illegible]
1 Red Ball Vacuum [illegible]
8 Tube Console Arvine Radio [illegible]
8 Tube Console Belvedere Only [illegible]
Sanitary and Occasional Chairs [illegible]
and [illegible]

Montgomery Ward & Co.

ANTIQUE MAHOGANY [illegible] Bought, Sold, Exchanged. 150 Grand. Phone 3[illegible].

FOR SALE—Bargain. Everything in good condition. 2-4 Line 81.

WE TRADE FOR OLD FURNITURE. MILLSAPS FURNITURE CO. 303 Trenton—West Monroe—Phone 4546.

MILLS FURNITURE CO.
We Buy & Sell New & Used Furniture. 423 Trenton — West Monroe — Phone 429.

Wanted to Buy (31-A)

WANTED TO BUY Used washing machines. Must be in good condition and cheap. Phone 9024-W.

WE BUY ANY AMOUNT USED FURNITURE. New York Hdw. & Furniture Co.

WANTED TO BUY all kinds of second-hand furniture. We pay highest prices. Phone 362. Dixie Furniture Exchange.

WE BUY AND SELL USED FURNITURE. Phone 1914. 315 DeSiard. Bell Furniture Co.

HONEST JOHN
PAYS MOST FOR USED FURNITURE AND CLOTHING—Sells for less. Free deliveries. 924 DeSiard. HONEST JOHN'S. Phone 4810.

WE PAY CASH for all kinds of used furniture. Exchange Furniture Store. 105 North Sixth. Phone 384.

Miscellaneous (32)

BEAUTIFUL PERSIAN KITTENS and [illegible] cats. Phone 261-W.

FOR SALE—Good used Victrola records, 20 for $1.00. Less quantities 25c each. Many [illegible] to select from. We also have Victrolas to rent for parties, dances, etc. Monroe Vending Company, 2018 South Grand. Phone 3782.

PEKINGESE. Three months old, thoroughbred. Have papers. $25. Can be seen at 707 Jackson street.

FOR SALE—Five-deck starting battery brooder. Gas heated. Price $50.00. Ideal for raising broilers. Phone 1463 at 3101 Gordon.

FOR SALE—Beautiful crocheted tablecloth, also bedspread. Phone 1463, 3101 Gordon.

Bicycles, Motorcycles (35)

GIRL'S 24-INCH BICYCLE FOR SALE—Phone 2282-M.

Dogs, Cats, Pets (36)

FOR SALE—Beautiful thoroughbred collie puppies. Reasonable. Phone 3048.

REGISTERED BOSTON terrier puppies. Cheap. Dogs boarded. 211 Stone. G. E. Spencer.

Chicks, Poultry, Eggs (37)

FOR SALE—White Holland turkeys. They have more breast. Mrs. J. B. Ethel. Phone 7702.

U. S.-approved pullorum-tested chicks. Red Comb feeds. Poultry supplies. LOUISIANA HATCHERIES, INC. 507 Trenton St. West Monroe.

FAT HENS, FRYERS AND BROILERS—Price reasonable. Complete stock at all times. We deliver. Phone 4422 or 4628.

BABY CHICKS. U. S.-approved pullorum-tested. Royal Feed and Seed Store. Phone 1068.

Financial

Money to Loan (30)

Articles For Sale

Produce & Feeds (38)

FOR SALE—Choice hay. Also fresh eggs. Phone 2327-M. Robert Tennel.

Livestock (39)

GOOD BLOODED young pigs for sale. Very reasonable. Phone 4446.

FOR SALE—A grand Christmas gift. Gentle well-trained Shetland pony. Saddle, bridle, harness, blanket etc. Call Charlotte Cooper, 2622.

Seeds, Plants, Trees (40)

CAMARK AND MEXICAN pottery. Decorated gourds, aluminum painted pine cones and candles. "Doc" West, 600 Jackson. Phone 3606.

FINEST STOCK OF SHRUBS and trees we have ever offered. Upright and spreading junipers, arborvitae and flowering shrubs, live oaks, pin oaks, elm, ash, pecan, redbud, myrtle, etc. Prices most reasonable. Your home will be correctly planted if done by us. Call us for suggestions. DeSiard Nursery. Phone 2127-J.

Motors & Boats (41)

ONE BOAT, TRAILER AND MOTOR for sale. Cheap. Phone 3024.

Typewriters, Add. Mach. (43)

Let Us Help You With Your Printing Problems

Ours Is a Complete Service

Call 4800 Today

Monroe Printing Co.

Good Things to Eat (45)

HOME MADE CHRISTMAS CAKES. Pound and fruit and all other kinds. Phone 4482.

Real Estate For Rent

Furnished Rooms (46)

LOVELY BEDROOM. Second house from post office on Grammont. Phone 302.

FURNISHED BEDROOM. Cedar-lined closet. Private entrance. 1400 Richmond. Phone 1591.

NEWLY FURNISHED BEDROOMS—Upstairs and downstairs. Phone 5186. 707 Jackson.

NICE ROOMS. Close in. Mrs. Harry Pugsley. 104 Pine. Phone 1246.

TWO NICELY furnished rooms. Private home. 812 North Second. Phone 4366-J.

BIG, COMFORTABLE BEDROOM—Private entrance. 1407 North Fifth. Phone 2262.

ROOM IN PRIVATE HOME—Close in. Gentlemen. Phone 4352. 407 Pine street.

Room & Board (48)

MRS. COOK'S GUEST HOUSE. Nice attractive rooms. Excellent place for meals. 1 Pine street.

ROOM AND BOARD—Reasonable rates. Extra meals. Grand Hotel.

COMFORTABLE ROOM—Excellent meals. Extra meals, 25c. 320 Walnut. Phone 3561.

LARGE COMFORTABLE ROOMS. Attractive location. Meals. 1115 Jackson. Phone 3112.

Furnished Apartments (50)

TWO-ROOM FURNISHED APARTMENT. Private bath. Couple. 418 Calypso.

2-ROOM APARTMENT—Private bath, garage. Bills paid. 301 Hilton. Phone 1008.

TWO-ROOM FURNISHED apartment. 311 Lincoln. West Monroe. Bills paid.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING for a nice four-room furnished apartment, Private bath, Garage. See H. E. Roberts, 601 Stubbs. Phone 1237.

TWO-ROOM FURNISHED apartment. Private bath, entrance. Garage. Bills paid. $8.50 weekly. 303 Filhiol, West Monroe.

2-ROOM APARTMENT—Close in. Private bath. Frigidaire. 612 Calypso.

TWO-ROOM FURNISHED APARTMENT. Bedroom. Bills paid. 205 McEnery. 5374-R.

LOVELY 2-ROOM APARTMENT—503 6th. West Monroe. Phone 1243.

TWO-ROOM APARTMENT—Also bedroom. Close in. 313 N. 2nd. Phone 4657.

3-ROOM FURNISHED APARTMENT. Bills paid. Close in. 312 Calypso.

MODERN THREE-ROOM DUPLEX. North of college. 408 Webster. Phone 2417.

2-ROOM APARTMENT—Available 15th. Electric refrigeration. Bills paid. Phone 1121.

MODERN FURNISHED APARTMENT—Close in. Couple. Phone 979.

FURNISHED 1-ROOM APARTMENT—2 blocks town. Apply 416 Grammont.

MODERN FURNISHED BRICK APARTMENT. Apply 401 Auburn. Ring 1312.

TWO-ROOM APARTMENT—Also bedroom. Reasonable. 608 Cypress, West Monroe. Phone 2690.

FURNISHED 1 AND 2-ROOM apartments. Extra bed. 510 Breard. Phone 2815-W.

NEWLY PAPERED upstairs apartment. 303 Sixth, West Monroe. Phone 1240, Mrs. Salley, or 5039-J, Mrs. Parmer.

TWO FURNISHED ROOMS. Sink. Phone 261-J. 705 Cypress, West Monroe.

MODERN furnished apartments. 2709 South Grand. Phone 1170. Trimble Apts.

IRENE SIMMS REID
NOTARY PUBLIC
NEWS-STAR—WORLD OFFICE

Automotive

Used Cars (63)

Real Estate For Rent

Furnished Apartments (50)

MODERN FOUR-ROOM furnished apartment. Electric refrigeration. 617 Wood. Phone 416. M. Danwitz.

AVAILABLE AT ONCE—Attractive five-room apartment. Desirable location. Phone 403.

FIVE ROOMS. Bath. Garage. Private. Modern. Very desirable. 200 Roselawn.

MODERN FURNISHED RIVERVIEW apartments. 2900 South Grand. Phone 3280.

VERY DESIRABLE FIVE-ROOM MODERN DUPLEX NORTH SIDE. PHONE 2479 FOR APPOINTMENT.

Unfurnished Apartments (51)

THREE-ROOM APARTMENT with dinette. 3206 Gordon. Phone 2655-J.

TWO FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED rooms. Private bath. 103 Linderman, West Monroe.

FIVE-ROOM UNFURNISHED APARTMENT. All modern. Hardwood floors and new paper. On bus line. 2301 South Grand. Phone 597.

TWO LARGE ROOMS. $3.00 weekly. Also two furnished rooms with sink. $3.00. 111 Dubuis, West Monroe.

NICE UNFURNISHED APARTMENTS. All newly refinished throughout. 115 Hudson Lane. Phone 502.

Furnished Houses (52)

BEAUTIFULLY FURNISHED 6-ROOM HOUSE. Couple. Near Junior college. Phone 2748 or 3206 after 7 p.m. Available Jan. 1st.

Unfurnished Houses (53)

FIVE-ROOM HOUSE. In good condition. West Monroe. Phone 317.

PRACTICALLY NEW 5-ROOM HOUSE for rent on North 19th St. McGuire addition. West Monroe. Phone 5490.

Real Estate For Sale

Residences (56)

NICE THREE-ROOM HOUSE. Small lot. [illegible] Phone [illegible]. For quick sale $1,500.00. Phone [illegible].

NORTH TENTH STREET—5-room house. Phone [illegible] in 2 lots in McGuire addition, West Monroe. Small down payment. Balance like rent. Phone 5490.

502 AUBURN—Two bedroom dwelling. Perfect condition. Lot 60x144'. Terms. Warren Taylor. Phone 295.

Lots (57)

NICE RESIDENTIAL LOTS North 3rd. Catalpa and [illegible] streets. Also corner lots in all sections. Phone 5490.

Farms, Acreage (59)

FOR SALE 5 acres good brick land under good fence in Ouachita Parish. Ward 9. Close to highway. 10 minutes to town. Reasonable. Write J. [illegible] Wheat, Box 81, Monroe, La. Route No. 2.

Real Estate Loans (61)

LOANS
ON REAL ESTATE
5%
Direct reduction plan
PEOPLE'S HOMESTEAD AND SAVINGS ASSN.

Automotive

Used Cars (63)

Sam Sez

Square Shooting Doesn't Require Target Practice

We're Perfect Marksmen When It Comes to Hitting the "Square Deal Target."

1938 Chevrolet Town Sedan
1936 Chevrolet Master 2-Door
1937 Chevrolet Touring 2-Door
1935 Chevrolet 2-Door
1938 Chevrolet Coupe—Extra clean, 19,000 actual miles
1934 Chevrolet 4-Door Sedan
1931 Model "A" Tudor
1931 Model "A" Pickup
1931 Model "A" Coupe

WE TRADE—E-Z TERMS
Used Car Exchange
1111 DeSiard Phone 221

FOR SALE Reconditioned 1940 Buick Sedan, only 5,000 actual miles. Cannot be told from new. Carries new car guarantee. Can be bought for $25.00 less than new and taking up balance. NO TRADES.

LENNON MOTOR CO.
Fourth at Washington Phone 1462

Used Auto. Truck Parts
ALLEN RITTER AUTO PARTS—Phone 2330

Used Parts for All Cars
Weinberg Auto Parts 1204 DeSiard

HIGHEST CASH PRICES for good used cars. Bring us yours. Used Car Exchange, 1111 DeSiard. Phone 221.

WATCH THIS CAR. Positively price will drop $50.00 each week until sold. Price now $650.00. Studebaker 1941 four door Commander. Driven 2,000 miles. New tires, overdrive and heater. A peach of a new Car. [illegible] Grand for information. Phone 1166 R. B. Montcalm.

FOR SALE 1929 FORD ROADSTER. PHONE 2447 AFTER 5 P.M.

Automotive

Used Cars (63)

Mechanically Perfect—Fine Appearance—Unmatched Cleanliness—Riding Comfort—Miles of Unused Transportation

You'll Find Them All in These Clean Cars Which Have Just Ar

...VICES HELD ...OR C. A. BOYD

...minent West Monroe Contractor Is Interred At Local Rites

...neral services for Charles Alvin ...yd, Sr., 55, prominent West Mon... building contractor, who died at ... hospital in Pineville Monday, were ...duct... 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the fam... residence with Rev. A. E. Prince, ...st Monroe Baptist pastor, officiat..., assisted by Rev. E. L. Tanner. In...ment followed in Hasley cemetery ...ith Masonic rites at the grave.

Active pallbearers were George ... Simmie Wood, Tom Sanders, ...ert Russell, Sam Humphries, Jim... ...ey Cash. Honorary pallbearers will be all friends and members of Carpenters Local union No. 1811.

Mr. Boyd is survived by his widow, Mrs. Victoria L. Boyd; his mother, Mrs. Katie Gregory; six sons, Chester Boyd, William Boyd, Carl Boyd, and James Boyd, all of West Monroe, Charles Boyd, Jr., Shreveport, and Harold Boyd, Glendale, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Alice Cooper, and a brother, Ernest Boyd.

The building contractor was engaged in construction activities near Pineville when he was stricken ill.

An active member of the First Baptist church, West Monroe, Mr. Boyd was also a Master Mason of the West Monroe Lodge No. 419. He was born in Lexington, Miss., and moved to West Monroe in 1921, where he was engaged in the general contracting business until his death.

The Irish Free State has an area of 26,592 square miles and a population of about 3,000,000.

OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF

MIRRO

THE FINEST ALUMINUM

A HUGE STOCK!

BIG ASSORTMENTS

1/3 OFF!

Pay Next Year

Equip your kitchen for Christmas with utensils you will enjoy for years!

Whether you need one piece or a complete set—you'll find just the things your kitchen needs on our big Mirro Gift Shelf. Here's a marvelous chance to pick up that really fine aluminum ware you want—at TREMENDOUS SAVINGS! Mirro makes wonderful Christmas gifts, too!

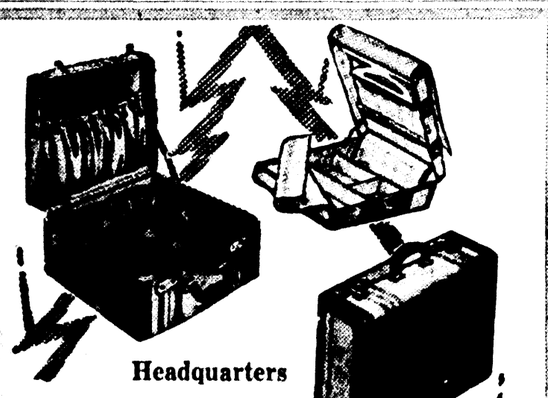
1/3 Off Nationally Advertised Prices

IT'S EASY TO SELECT WHAT YOU NEED

COME IN .. SEE OUR DISPLAY

MONROE FURNITURE Company, Ltd.

132 N. Second St. Phone 5200



Headquarters for

GIFT LUGGAGE

... Our "Travel Shop" ...

Smart airplane luggage—finest elkhide bags—luxurious fitted wardrobe bags—sturdy "he-man" pigskin luggage. You'll find an endless variety at our smart "Travel Shop"—and you'll find just the "right" luggage at the "right" price! See the large assortment of such famous makes as—

- Samson Streamlined Luggage
- Fine Boyle Pigskin Luggage
- Halliburton Aluminum Luggage
- Famous Seward Trunks and Bags

SPECIAL! FITTED CASES

Chic in appearance—and so durable! Large 16-inch size. Beautifully lined and fitted. Now 3.95

PAY NEXT YEAR

MONROE FURNITURE Company, Ltd.

132 N. Second St. Phone 5200

SKILLED LABOR MEETING TOPIC

Problem Of Supplying Workers In Numbers For Defense Studied

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The problem of supplying skilled technicians in unprecedented numbers for the nation's booming war industries was the major consideration today at the American Vocational Association convention.

Lieutenant Colonel Frank J. McSherry, army administrative assistant in the national defense advisory council, told delegates that the United States must prepare not only to meet military aggression but the economic aggression "which would surely follow a totalitarian victory."

"This is the day when war is fought with machines and machines must be supplied by industry," he said, adding that the secretary of labor had estimated there would be five to six million jobs open to workers during the coming year.

The solution of the problem, as seen by various convention speakers, lies in training the unemployed to fill skilled positions and in training employed men and women to fill more technical jobs where they will have greater usefulness.

To this end, trade schools, extension schools and government agencies such as the National Youth Administration, the WPA and the Civilian Conservation Corps all have been given funds to teach men and women to fill primary positions, or to better their positions in essential industries.

Thomas Diamond of the University of Michigan said defense training applies not only to the men who work machine tools, build armaments or aircraft; but also recognizes the need for economists, sociologists, psychologists and political scientists "to an extent unheard of in the history of world affairs."

Henry F. Grady, assistant secretary of state, discussed the importance of foreign trade in meeting the general situation confronting the United States.

He said the infiltration of German militarists and "fifth columnists" would follow any trade gains the Nazis were able to make in Latin America and that the United States must help Latin American countries by continued pursuit of our "good neighbor" policy.

To be effective, he explained, this would entail lending money, making commodity agreements and making it possible for these countries to pay with their own goods for what they buy from us.

"Few foreign countries are in a position now to pay the United States in gold," Grady said. "The United States already has more gold than it knows what to do with."

N. O. HOSPITAL HEAD REPLACED

Dr. J. O. Weilbaecher Succeeds Dr. Wright As Acting Director

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Dr. J. O. Weilbaecher, Jr., 31-year-old Tulane university graduate, today was appointed acting director of the new Charity hospital here, succeeding Dr. Roy W. Wright.

Dr. Charles B. Odom, who along with Dr. Weilbaecher had been serving as assistant director, was named associate acting director.

The appointments were made at a meeting of the Charity hospital board of administrators.

In laying down his policy Dr. Weilbaecher declared he would strictly follow the merit system. He said the sphere of influence of every hospital employe would be clearly defined and that he would enforce security of every job in the institution "as long as the employe does his duty."

The appointments were announced after a seven hour session of the board.

Dr. Odom is a nephew of Dr. M. M. Odom, coroner of Jefferson parish. Both he and Dr. Weilbaecher have been connected with Charity hospital for several years.

Farm Notes

Like doing one's Christmas shopping early, there is good reason why farm families expecting to call upon the Farm Security Administration for operating credit during 1941 should do so at this time of the year, said P. G. Boyd, parish rural rehabilitation supervisor, Farm Security Administration in Ouachita parish.

Mr. Boyd pointed out that a farmer applying now for a loan which he will not need for several months may have it withheld for future delivery on a specified date. Thus, the loan does not begin to bear interest until it is actually used.

"The advantage of applying in the fall is that this is the in-between season when farmers can size up their past year's business and plan for the new year," Mr. Boyd said. "The supervisor too, has more time in the fall to help the farmer to do the long-range planning which is fundamental to our program, and often of more benefit than the loan itself."

"All FSA loans are drawn up on the basis of farm and home management plans, and sometimes the working out of these plans requires considerable time. Every spring, we are forced to turn away applicants who apply too late to permit such plans to be drawn up. Many other farmers while approaching us in time to receive the loans, find themselves caught up in the spring rush in our office just when they are most pressed for time," further stated Mr. Boyd.

Farm Security Administration loans are made to farm operators whether owners or tenants, who are unable to obtain credit on reasonable terms from other sources. The loans can be made for feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, equipment and similar operating goods for periods of from one to five years, with interest at 5 per cent.

The kingfisher, a bird which is an expert at catching fish, is not a swimming bird.

Questionnaires Mailed

Board No. 1

375, John Fahy Yeldell, 411 Hart street, Monroe.
376, Ralph Connor Brice, 2808 Gordon avenue, Monroe.
377, Gordon Cameron McKenzie, Alexandria.
378, James Willie Roach, colored, 815 Atkinson street, Monroe.
379, Raphael Ernest Brookings, 2501 Gordon avenue, Monroe.
380, John Wilson, Jr., colored, 401 Magnolia street, Monroe.
381, Harding Baxter, colored, 115 Vicksburg street, Monroe.
382, Robert Lee Floyd Rushing, Park avenue, Monroe.
383, Reuben Darrington, colored, Monroe.
384, Joseph Roberts Littlepage, 515 North Fifth street, Monroe.
385, Nathaniel Flowers, colored, 2514 DeSiard street, Monroe.
386, James Henderson, colored, 213 South Congo street, Monroe.
387, Otis Patrick Johnson, Jr., 204 Grayling lane, Monroe.
388, Harrison Pitts, colored, 600 North Tenth street, Monroe.
389, Alex Joshua, colored, Monroe.
390, Malcolm LeRoy Grant, colored, 1117 Washington street, Monroe.
391, Tomke Boxley, colored, 203 Eleventh street, Monroe.
392, Addison Amos, colored, 800 Wood street, Monroe.
393, D. C. Carr, colored, 1402 DeSiard street, Monroe.
394, Shelby Adams, colored, Monroe.

Board No. 2

304, Purvis Braswell, 107 Coleman street, West Monroe.
305, Clyde Wilson Ramsey, route 1, West Monroe.
306, Jack Parker Armstrong, route 4, West Monroe.
307, Odus Perry Pendarvis, 208 Vernon street, West Monroe.
308, Paul Jones Butler, colored, West Monroe.
309, Jessie James, colored, route 1, Eros.
310, Robert Lee Holstead, Jr., route 1, West Monroe.
311, Roy Augustus Carpenter, colored, Sterlington.
312, P. J. Bumgardner, Monroe.
313, Raymond Hayes Pankey, Sterlington.
314, James Elliott, colored, Bosco.
315, Percy Roberson, colored, West Monroe.
316, Herbert Cady, West Monroe.
317, Benjamin Franklin Simmons, route 1, Calhoun.
318, Eddie Brady Harris, colored, West Monroe.
319, Amos Wright, colored, Monroe.
320, Woodrow Wiley Booth, route 2, Eros.
321, Clarence Williams, colored, route 2, Monroe.
322, Willie Curtis Bohanon, colored, Monroe.
323, Hubert Louis Black, West Monroe.

INTEREST SHOWN IN SEALS DRIVE

Many Send Notes To Committee Saying They Can Take Only A Few

"The many notes that are enclosed with the payment of the Christmas seals by those who are only able to take a few is evidence of the widespread interest that is taken in the fight against tuberculosis and in providing means for carrying on the work in Ouachita," Claude Harrison and Leon Sugar, seal chairmen, said Tuesday.

"More of these letters have been received than in any previous year. Many regret that they cannot send money. Many have returned their cards with a note saying that while they cannot buy the seal they wish cards sent them next year. However, a large number of donors have doubled their contributions this year.

"Tuberculosis is a disease that is so close to so many homes that everyone seems to be willing to do his bit to overcome the work," the chairmen stated.

WINDSORS PLAN HOMEWARD TRIP

Scheduled To Leave Tuesday Afternoon; Wally Virtually Well

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor terminate today their first visit to the United States since Edward abdicated the English throne to marry "the woman I love."

Happy over the cordial reception they received here, the Windsors planned to sail at 4 p.m. (CST) aboard the yacht Southern Cross on the return trip to Nassau, where the duke will resume his duties as governor of the Bahamas.

The duchess appeared virtually recovered from the effects of a major dental operation that brought the Windsors to Miami just a week ago. Dr. Horace L. Cartee said a "slight complication" that occurred after the Windsors moved from a Miami Beach hospital to the Miami Biltmore hotel had entirely cleared up.

Dr. Cartee removed the infected molar in an operation that necessitated scraping the jawbone.

In the duchess' wardrobe on the return trip will be three or four dresses, ranging in price from $12.50 to $25 that she purchased here. She bought the dresses Monday after selecting several for approval during a shopping trip last Saturday.

The duke played golf Monday with Gene Sarazen, former British and United States open champion, and Sam Snead of Hot Springs, Va., who treated Edward to a par-cracking exhibition.

Snead, having one of his good days, scored a six-under-par 65 that had the duke exclaiming his amazement.

Sarazen, who had met Edward in England gave the duke a "playing lesson," working especially on the short game. The duke, after changing to a shorter grip for putch shots, scored on 88 that included two pars.

His 10-foot putt on the final green squared the match, in which he was paired with Sarazen against Snead, who played alternately with the duke's aide, Captain Vyvyan Drury, and a friend, Captain Alastair Mackintosh.

TWO PERSONS HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

A blowout on the Jonesboro highway Monday afternoon, about nine miles from West Monroe, caused a truck to overturn and sent two residents of Eros to St. Francis sanitarium for treatment of painful injuries, hospital attaches said last night.

The injured were Alvin Thornell, with contusions of the right shoulder and right arm, and Miss Eva Costan, who suffered lacerations of back and right side, attaches said.

Carrying groceries from the Monroe commodity house back to Eros to be distributed to residents there, the tire blew out, the truck left the highway, rolled over, and threw the several passengers sprawling, it was reported. With the exception of the two, all escaped injury.

The accident, which occurred at the foot of a long hill is said to have caused considerable damage to the truck.

Following treatment Miss Costan was released from the hospital last night, and Mr. Thornell will leave for Eros Tuesday morning, attending physicians reported.

The United States contains approximately half of all the telephones in the world.

Cookie Sets

80c Up

HOUSEWARES SHOP

DURRETT'S

117 St. John Monroe

CHECK THE WAY in which We Can SERVE YOU BEST

Then Come in Any Time

STRAIGHT AUTO LOANS

Here is the quickest way imaginable to obtain needed funds. Drive to our office—bring your car—get your money! If your car isn't paid for, come in anyhow.

REFINANCING

We have helped thousands of auto buyers to "hold their cars." See us about reducing your car payments ... and getting extra cash at the same time!

FINANCING

Our plan will enable you to buy a better car and pay for it without straining your monthly income. Get the facts about our service today!

MOTORS SECURITIES COMPANY, INC.

500 Walnut St. Monroe, La.

Ring through your Nose

By NORMAN CHANDLER

Chairman, Newspaper Publishers Committee

NORMAN CHANDLER

THERE'S SOMETHING repugnant to me in the kind of leadership which *makes* you follow. I'd rather have the kind which *inspires* a following.

In America, to get a following a man must convince a group of people that his plan is good. Moreover, he must *keep* them convinced, because others, with *different* plans, are forever coming along, asking for—and getting—a hearing.

As a result of this American way we manage to stop short of the dictatorship and absolutism by which Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin *enforce* their leadership.

We even avoid business monopoly the same way. A metal concern, controlling its entire field, suddenly finds its business gone out the window—to a *plastics* maker who has a better idea. A better idea *plus* the means of spreading it.

And in that last phrase you have the whole secret of our protection against finding ourselves with rings through our noses. There is a means, in America, of *spreading news.*

Let a public servant, no matter how sincere, be bested by a rank outsider with a better plan and the newspapers of America will tell you of it. The incumbent office-holder may *want* to stay in power. He may *want* to throttle his challenger, but he *can't keep the news of the other fellow's plan from you!*

Or let a self-satisfied manufacturer decide that you'll buy *his* brand and *like* it. A newcomer has the advertising columns of the newspapers open to him. If the newcomer's goods will stand the spotlight of comparison, the smug gentleman will soon hunt for a way to match or beat his new rival—to your advantage.

When you realize that it is your *newspaper* which stands between you and the loss of your right to *know* things, your paper takes on a new significance.

It is your newspaper which keeps all your leaders—in government, in education, in business—in direct competition with each other. It tells you what they're *doing.*

And may the best man win!

★ ★ ★

NOTE: The Newspaper Publishers Committee, composed of over 350 leading American Newspapers, publishes these messages simultaneously each week. The force which unites these newspapers is their recognition of their responsibility to you, the reader.